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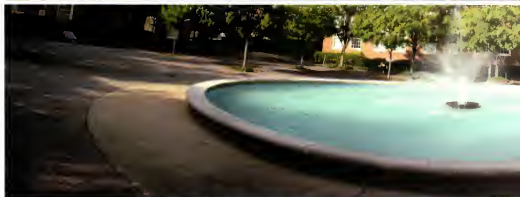
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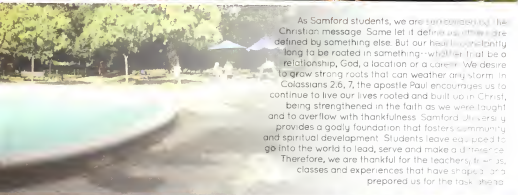
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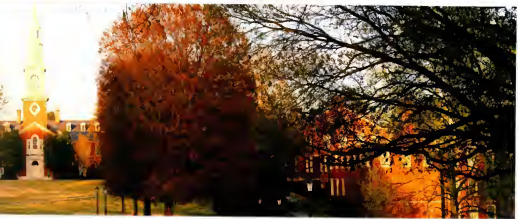


We build on foundations we didn't lay.  
We warm ourselves by fires we didn't light.  
We sit in the shade of trees we didn't plant.  
We drink from wells we didn't dig.  
We profit from persons we didn't know.  
This is as it should be.  
Together we are more than any one person  
could be.  
Together we can build across the great divide.  
Together we can renew our hope and faith in  
the life that is yet to unfold.  
Together we can heed the call to a ministry of  
care and justice.  
We are ever bound in community. May it  
always be so.

Rev. Peter Raible



As Samford students, we are embracing the Christian message. Some let it define us; others are defined by something else. But our hearts constantly long to be rooted in something—whether that be a relationship, God, a location or a career. We desire to grow strong roots that can weather any storm. In Colossians 2:6, 7, the apostle Paul encourages us to continue to live our lives rooted and built up in Christ, being strengthened in the faith as we were taught and to overflow with thankfulness. Samford University provides a godly foundation that fosters community and spiritual development. Students leave equipped to go into the world to lead, serve and make a difference. Therefore, we are thankful for the teachers, friends, classes and experiences that have shaped and prepared us for the task ahead.





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# Connections

As soon as parents left campus, Connections leaders sprung into action, immediately connecting freshmen to each other and helping them feel right at home.

Not long after moving in, freshmen headed to the quad to meet their leaders, a pair of enthusiastic upperclassmen for each of the groups.

"Having the chance to welcome the new students onto campus is a blessing for us as Connections leaders," said Patrick O'Connor, a junior education major. "We introduce the students to the best community one can ask for."

On the first night of Connections, students dressed and jammed out for a 90s-themed dance. Ladies walked outside Vail in their tackiest attire and were met by freshmen boys serenading them with love songs. The 2016 class danced the night away to favorite artists including N\*SYNC, MC Hammer and Spice Girls.

Saturday was full of exciting activities. There was ice cream at the president's house, community service projects and girls' and guys' nights out. "It felt great to serve others while meeting people and getting connected to my new city," said undeclared freshman Claire Gaxiola. Saturday ended with a movie at the famous Alabama Theater.

The final day of Connections kicked off with the presentation of the Class of 2016 and a worship service in Reid Chapel. Later, freshmen learned practical tips from the LIFE simulation put on by Connections leaders. "I got to see some of the activities I could get involved in at Samford," freshman education major Carissa Davis said.

Connections weekend filled students' first days with one event after another but served as a great way for freshmen to become accustomed with campus life and the city of Birmingham.

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The 90s party provided a way for ConnectIns leaders to bring out their childhood on the dance floor, decked out with glow sticks, flatbills, sweatbands, and Will Smith tank tops.





UNTEMATH ended their Your School, Your City performance with a bang by blasting confetti in the air. The night was a success due to the overall atmosphere and excellent bands that performed.

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SGA members worked hard to make freshmen feel at home while helping them get involved.





## Your School, Your City

The Sunday before the start of classes, Samford saluted the end of summer with the Your School, Your City concert featuring performers Matisyahu and MUTEMATH. For freshmen, it was a grand finale to Connections weekend. For upperclassmen, it was an event they had been looking forward to all summer.

With the stage set in front of Reid Chapel, reggae artist Matisyahu performed first. The standout moment from his show was when he leaped into the audience.

"When Matisyahu jumped into the crowd, it looked like he was walking through it," senior Spanish major Abby Sander said.

After the student body carried him back to the front, he pulled a select few onto the stage with him to enjoy his last song.

MUTEMATH followed Matisyahu with a rocking performance. "The standout moment was when

MUTEMATH shot off the confetti canons," Sander said.

The theatrics of the concert made the event unlike any other, and it seemed only fitting to have Samford's biggest concert of the year conclude with confetti.

"Your School, Your City was an awesome concert," Jeffery Ferrell, a junior biology major, said. From the music to the awesome vendors, I could not think of a better way to end my summer."

Merchants from across the city gathered before the show and passed out free food, promotional items and coupons, allowing freshmen the chance to preview a few Birmingham hot spots.

"My favorite vendor was the Dreamcakes truck," Emily Oxford, a freshman biology major, said. "But it was cool to visit all the vendors and take away so much free stuff. I was amazed!"

# Welcome Back Week

In the summer months, Ben Brown Plaza stood relatively empty, lacking the crowds that would gather on its benches and the conversations that took place by its fountain. Finally, in the last week of August, Welcome Back Week shook off the cobwebs of summer and brought Ben Brown back to life.

Karlie Calhoun, a senior biology major, said the purpose of Welcome Back Week was built into its name. "It gives everyone an opportunity to meet up with people you haven't seen in three months and just have fun," she said.

The week was full of activities, ranging from a fresh donut on the first day of class to a fall sports preview with Athletics. All four fall sports—football, softball, soccer and cross country—were represented by its members in Ben Brown. They provided free t-shirts to exchange with anyone who brought in a piece of merchandise from another school, passed out posters and gave out autographs.

Evening events exposed students to undiscovered spaces and talents. On Wednesday, dinner was provided in the Loft in Siebert Gym. Overlooking the gym floor, students played pool, ping-pong and air hockey. Many said it was their first time hearing about the space.

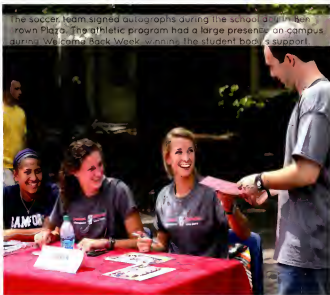
On Thursday, Harry's Coffeehouse kicked off with an Open Mic Night. Anyone could perform, and the acts ranged from a pair of roommates singing Christmas carols to singer/songwriters performing their original songs. "There are so many talented people here at Samford, and [Open Mic Night] was able to show that off," said senior religion major Leah Clements.

Welcome Back Week provided the perfect jump start to another amazing school year.

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Junior JMC major Rebekah Robinson was all smiles as she sold t-shirts in Ben Brown Plaza during Welcome Back Week.

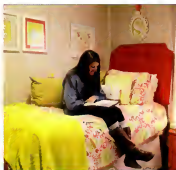
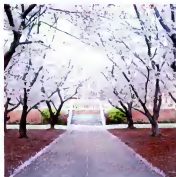


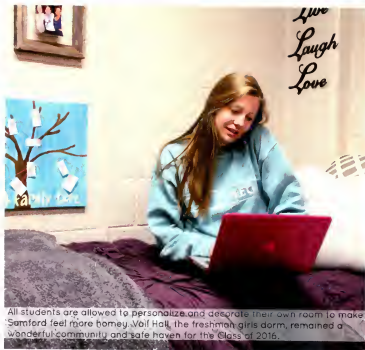
The soccer team signed autographs during the school day in Ben Brown Plaza. The athletic program had a large presence on campus during Welcome Back Week, winning the student body's support.



The ResLife staff was comprised of upperclassmen, creating an atmosphere that made Samford feel like home for all residents. They ensured safety and fostered strong relationships.

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All students are allowed to personalize and decorate their own room to make Samford feel more homey. Wolf Hall, the freshman girls dorm, remained a wonderful community and safe haven for the Class of 2016.

# Residence Life

Returning to the dorms after a long day of class and activities, many students were left feeling stressed and tired. However, they had a family of peers who were experiencing the same struggles to help them. The students who share living facilities not only share a bathroom and kitchen, but also a common understanding of each other.

When asked about her favorite aspect of residence life at Samford, Courtney Hawkins, a freshman business major, said, "The hall activities provide a great way to get to know people on your hall when you first get to Samford. They are a great way to become closer friends with those people throughout the year."

Establishing quality friendships with hall mates isn't the only important aspect of residing on campus. Residence Life itself, a department that facilitates student living at Samford, is equally important.

The purpose of Residence Life is to serve students by providing them a high-quality place to live. The department not only focuses on quality living in terms of housing, but also in terms of students' spiritual home. Residence Life places emphasis on fostering spiritual growth in a Christian environment.

"One of the great things about serving as a Resident Assistant is being able to create an environment where residents can thrive and grow in their walks with the Lord," said Jamie Ferguson, junior education major.

Another important aspect of Residence Life at Samford is the events which they host for residents, especially the freshman class. Fun social gatherings, such as dances and tailgates, held by the department help freshmen adjust to their school and develop confidence that sets the pace for their college experience.

Freshman business major Jacob Apelt said, "ResLife tailgating definitely gives you opportunities to connect with other students."

However, freshmen aren't the only ones who value Residence Life. Senior Kathleen Hyland, a communication studies major, said, "I appreciate how ResLife really fosters relationships."

It's the relationship-building Samford creates that makes it unlike any other campus living experience.

# Tailgating on the Quad

Stepping outside of the University Center, students stood in awe of the sea of tents, people and grills spread out across the Quad.

Once an activity dominated by Greek Life and alumni, tailgating was taken to a new level this year with new groups of friends embracing the tradition and setting up their own tents with food to share.

Joy Gilmer, a senior entrepreneurship major, was one of the new people who decided to host a tailgate with a few of his friends.

"I wanted to get in on the action," Gilmer said. "My friends and I already had a tent and a grill, so we decided to cook up some food and invite all of our friends to stop by. It was a huge success."

In its second year taking place on the Quad, Gilmer was not the only student who embraced its relatively new location. With more room, students could spread out. Some organizations incorporated live music or even purchased more supplies to create an even bigger tailgate.

Julianne Hallman, a sophomore JMC major, was one of the students in charge of tailgating for Zeta Tau Alpha. Nicknamed the "Zeta Acre," Hallman and her team set up a tailgate of three tents, with plenty of tables and chairs to accommodate their large group.

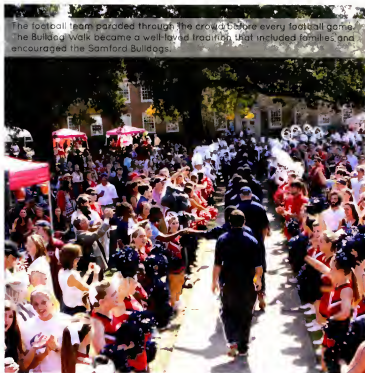
"We were able to make our tailgate so much bigger this year. It became an awesome atmosphere for all our members to hang out, especially when we had new members after rush," Hallman said.

With tents, food and plenty of friends, a Samford tailgate would not be complete without the Bulldog Walk. As the marching band, cheerleaders and dance team began to line up on the sidewalk, it was the student's cue. The football team would then emerge from the University Center.

"[The football team] played an awesome season, and I loved being able to cheer as loud as I could to help pump them up for the game." Seniors like Gilmer were proud to say that tailgating on campus had come a long way.

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The football team paraded through the crowd before every football game. The Bulldog Walk became a well-loved tradition that included families and encouraged the Samford Bulldogs.







Numerous organizations all gathered around their tailgates before the well-attended football games. The tailgates brought people together and provided good food and fellowship.



Students were able to pose with friends at the Samford-themed photo booth during Homecoming Week. The photo booth provided a way for students to take home a keep-sake from the fun-filled week.

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# Homecoming Week

The Student Activities Council (SAC) provided yet another successful and fun-filled Homecoming week for the student body. "I love all the tradition that comes with Homecoming," senior biology major and SAC member Karlie Calhoun said. "We wanted this Homecoming week to be all about Samford spirit."

Since students were returning from fall break, SAC had to make Homecoming bigger and better than it had ever been. "Homecoming was earlier and shorter this year, so we wanted to make it really special. We had more and larger events during the week," Calhoun said.

The activities started on Tuesday night, watching Step Sing 2012 on the Quad. Students gathered with blankets and friends to relive one of last year's favorite memories. "I loved watching Step Sing because I got to relive those exciting moments of seeing it for the first time," sophomore interior design major Nathalie Roeling said.

On Wednesday, students enjoyed spicy wings in Ben Brown Plaza, and on Thursday, Jim 'N Nick's cheese biscuits were provided on the quad. "Music was playing, people were playing cornhole and it was a good time," senior theatre major Meg Biddle said. "It felt like a tailgate. Relaxing, social and fun."

Friday concluded with a Samford-themed photo booth along with coffee and cookies. "Taking pictures in the photo booth is one of the best things to do during Homecoming week," junior nursing major Olivia McCommon said. "I did it with my friends and thought it was so fun. It's cool to have a little reminder from the week!"

As enjoyable as the week was, Samford students appreciated the school-wide fellowship. "It's not the planned events that really matter to me," said sophomore journalism and mass communication major Courtney Guhl. "I love walking in Ben Brown and seeing everyone loving Samford!"

# Homecoming Weekend

Freshmen like Taylor Yungk gleamed with excitement while wondering what Homecoming weekend would hold for Samford.

"In high school, you dressed up during the week, had a pep rally and game, went to the dance and that was it," freshman Taylor Yungk said. "But I loved seeing what Samford does for Homecoming. It's cool knowing that I'll look back and remember these traditions."

Homecoming weekend never had a dull moment—from the Friday night bonfire and concert to the parade on Saturday morning. Ben Rector was the musical guest for the concert and pep rally on Friday, much to the Samford student body's satisfaction.

"I love how Samford took someone popular among students and brought him on campus," senior journalism and mass communications major Lacy Craig said. On Saturday morning, alumni, families and students gathered to watch the Homecoming parade. Along with

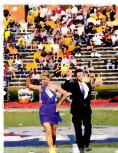
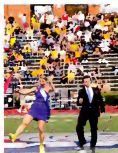
Greek Life floats, the Samford University band and Homecoming Court also participated in the parade.

Zeta Tau Alpha's Homecoming float received first place, with Alpha Omicron Pi as first runner-up and Phi Mu as second runner-up.

Tailgating on the Quad followed the parade, with tents set up by on-campus and alumni organizations. Sponsors such as Steel City Paps even had a presence in the sea of Samford tailgaters. "Tailgating on the Quad is so much fun," senior family studies major Katie Leigh Mardis said. "It really brings the Samford community together."

The Samford community continued the fun at the football stadium for the game against Appalachian State. Half time revealed the outcome of the 2012 homecoming court elections. Tim Foote was elected homecoming king and Abby Sanders was crowned homecoming queen.

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Seniors Leah Clements and Tim Foote danced down the 50-yard line as representatives on Homecoming Court at half time. The student body voted on senior class representatives. Foote was Homecoming King.





Sophomore Emily Eldek cheered on the Bulldogs at the Homecoming game as they played Appalachian State. This game was the most well attended in the whole season.



Sophomore Lauren Hunt was the winner of Miss Samford. Performing a beautiful piano piece and winning the hearts of the audience during her interview, Hunt claimed the title gracefully and with all smiles.



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## Miss Samford

After three weeks of rehearsals, the contestants' hard work all came down to one moment. They crossed their fingers, wishing to hear their name called, but only one name could.

Miss Samford 2013 is... Miss Lauren Hunt.

"When they called my name I was absolutely surprised and thrilled," Hunt, a sophomore journalism and mass communications major said. "It felt exhilarating!" Along with her new title as the 65th Miss Samford, Hunt also represented Samford at the Miss Alabama pageant that summer. Having competed the year before, Hunt was thrilled at the opportunity to return.

Twelve previous Miss Samfords won the Miss Alabama title. One even went on to become Miss America. Anna Laura Bryan, Miss Alabama 2012, was one of the 12 and served as a MC and mentor to the contestants.

"My favorite moment of the pageant was right before the opening number," Hunt said. "Anna Laura came and prayed with us. She talked about how wonderful the Miss America organization is and how it has helped her grow in so many ways."

Other winners of the night included first runner up Ellen Hardy, a junior musical theater major, and second runner up Katy Flinn, a junior journalism and mass communications major.

Miss Samford was the first pageant Flinn had ever participated in. "I never thought I would ever do a pageant," Flinn said. "But this year, I have dedicated myself to new life experiences."

She admits to almost giving up, but Flinn said her friends encouraged her to keep going. "I could hear all my friends cheering for me. It made it a lot less awkward to be onstage in a bathing suit," Flinn said.

# Family Weekend

Amongst the crowds at just another Saturday tailgate, there were t-shirts reading "Samford Dad," women excitedly meeting their son's friends and freshmen proudly providing a campus tour. The signs were obvious; it was family weekend.

Parents returned to campus ten weeks after they first arrived for move-in day. For freshmen, family weekend gave them the opportunity to show how they had made the campus their home.

"Having my parents come on campus was great," Rachel Ziglar, a freshman journalism and mass communication major said. "They were able to meet my friends and see my dorm room. I was also able to take them to my sorority house and show them why I loved it so much."

Family weekend provided activities for parents and students to enjoy. 'Friday Night on Stage' showcased the talent of Samford through an open mic night in

Harry's. Meredith Cox and Leah Clements, both senior religion majors, performed to the packed out room. "They were able to really create the atmosphere we see on a Thursday night in Harry's, and it was cool to show parents a glimpse into our lives here at Samford," said Clements.

The weekend continued with a Parents Association Breakfast and Meeting, where Dr. Westmoreland and other University administrators spoke to parents.

After the tailgate on the quad, the freshman class gathered to run out on the football field before the team. More than 90 students participated.

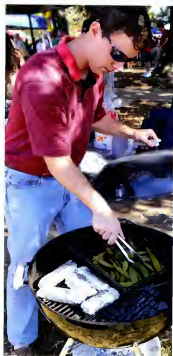
As the last home game of the season, the Bulldogs surely put on a show. Playing against sixth-ranked Wofford, the team sent the game into overtime. Senior quarterback Andy Summerlin threw the ball to Kelsey Pope for the game-winning touchdown. Students rushed the field in celebration.

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group of seniors celebrated the overtime win by the Bulldogs at their last samford football game. It was a tremendous game to end their senior season.





Freshman Lindsay Davis' family came in town for the weekend. Along with hundreds of other students' families, they enjoyed the tradition of quad tailgating and seeing a great win over Wofford.

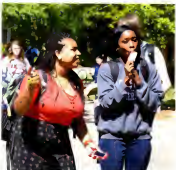
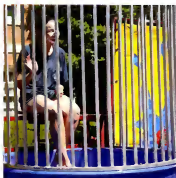




The grilled cheese Melt Truck is a huge hit among Samford students. Camped out in Ben Brown, the sandwiches give students a taste of home right before finals week.



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One of the most beloved Fountain Fun Days, "Puppies on the Quad," brings students from all across campus outside to play with dogs from the Birmingham Humane Society as a fun and unique stress reliever.

# Fountain Fun Days

When that research paper proves to be much more demanding than you expected, the library has taken you hostage or your "group project" turns out to be a solo mission, there are few remedies to cure academic stress.

Fountain Fun Days offered plenty of opportunities for students to forget about assignments and deadlines and projects for a few minutes in a hectic day and enjoy some of the sweeter things college has to offer.

The Special Events committee of the Student Activities Council (SAC) planned and produced several popular events for students to enjoy company, food and even fluffy animals.

Junior accounting major and Special Events director Kayla Frank and her committee implemented new ideas into Fountain Fun Days so that students from across the board could soak up all the excitement.

"My favorite Fountain Fun Day was 'May the Fourth be With You.' This event attracted so many people that normally don't come to SGA events and was just really fun," Frank said.

"May the Fourth" was Star Wars themed and took place in Harry's. Snacks and prizes attracted students, and Darth Vader

himself even showed up. Students who took a picture with Darth Vader and tweeted it at Samford SAC were eligible to win different Star Wars prizes, including a Yoda alarm clock.

Other fun events this year have included hosting the Melt Birmingham food truck on campus and the Puppies on the Quad event.

"I am a huge dog lover, so I was naturally overjoyed to see several dogs on campus available for students like me to just pet and love on for a few minutes between two intense classes," junior family studies major Caroline Dill said.

"Fountain Fun Days were such fun activities that SGA provided it was nice to have something fun to liven up a normally full weekday," said senior history major Anna Beth Sawyer.

Whether it is good weather, free food or just an opportunity to hang out with friends, Fountain Fun Days successfully provided a little slice of fun for everyone.

# Christmas at Sanford

It was the most wonderful time of the year. Luminaries lined the Quad, snowflakes decorated the library and Christmas parties and study breaks filled the calendar.

Samford's Christmas traditions were many students' favorite. And to kick the season off right, Hanging of the Green and Lighting of the Way brought students, faculty, family and friends together for a night of festivities.

The crowds packed into Reid Chapel to experience Hanging of the Green. For 14 seniors, the event meant something more as they were honored with the opportunity to lead the service.

"It was such an honor to be a part of Hanging of the Green," senior early education major Paisley Coffey said. "I have attended the service since I was a freshman, so to be involved as a senior meant the world to me."

As the crowds exited Reid Chapel, they were amazed to find the quad illuminated with light from more than 500 luminaries lining every sidewalk of the quad.

Students gathered around the Christmas tree in Centennial walkway to hear senior history major Bradley Patton and Dr. Frank Patrick lead the devotionals. And as with tradition, Dr. Gina Westmoreland read the Christmas story from Luke.

"Lighting of the Way is my favorite Samford tradition because of the meaning behind it," senior communication studies major Kathleen Hyland said. "It is a time to gather with all of your friends, sing Christmas songs and celebrate Christmas."

And though the two events have been traditions of Samford for longer than anyone can remember, both experienced a first. Hanging of the Green was streamed live over the Internet, and the Lighting of the Way concert featuring Humming House took place on the Quad instead of Ben Brown Plaza.

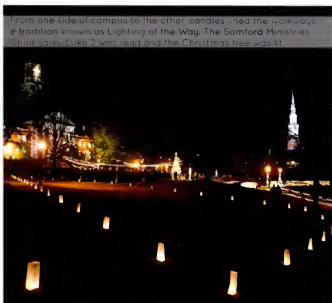
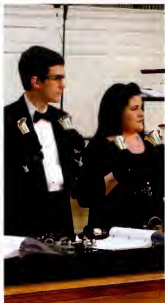
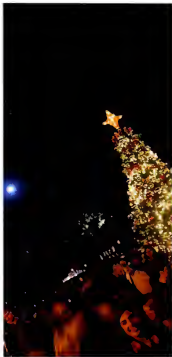
Junior biology major Emily Johnson said, "Moving the concert to the quad was a great decision. It was great to have the Christmas tree behind the stage, and there was lots of room to dance."

Hanging of the Green and Lighting of the Way were only the start of the Christmas season at Samford. Residence Halls hosted a "Deck the Halls" contest and other organizations across campus hosted parties featuring lucky sweater contests and appearances by Santa. And, of course, the Christmas tree remained lit, ready for a snapshot or a climb up inside.

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The University Chorus led worship at the "Hanging of the Green" service before Lighting of the Way. It was a tradition that included congregational hymns, readings and honoring seniors.



From one side of campus to the other, candles lined the walkways in a tradition known as Lighting of the Way. The Somford Ministries Choir sang Luke 2 was read and the Christmas tree was lit.



Junior Allie Klaubert, Director of Student Activities Beth Roller, junior Patrick O'Connor, Assistant Director of Student Activities Ashley Hill and senior Haleigh Campbell produced and directed Step Sing 2013.



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# Step Sing

In February, bears, babies and prisoners all sang and danced across the Wright Center stage in hopes of winning the 42nd Step Sing Sweepstakes Award.

This year, the members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity took home the prized trophy after performing their entertaining and endearing show, "Nerds." Pi Kappa Phi's directors, Taylor Horneman, senior biology major, and John Hunsicker, sophomore biology major, spent months planning and preparing for a winning production. The group also won the excellence in choreography award, and Horneman personally won participants' choice for best emcee.

The all-male group Dudes-A-Plenty came in second place with their theme "Crash." The show about plane-crash survivors also snatched the award for excellence in music as well as Participants' Choice for Best Music.

IGNite, an all female group that combines independent and Greek women, took third place with their show, "Pause." The "beary" cute show swept up several participants' choice awards, including best costume, most entertaining, and best choreography.

This year the overall Step Sing Committee was headed up by senior family studies and child development major Haleigh Campbell, junior education collaborative and ministry major Patrick O'Connor along with junior journalism and mass communication major Allie Klauberl contributed as assistant directors. The committee of 13 was formed in the spring of

2012, spending nearly a year's time to prepare for the February production.

"As one of the overall directors, you spend about 11 months planning Step Sing. You get to see the entire creative process transform from a simple idea into an incredible show complete with lights, props and costumes," Klauberl said, "Watching the shows develop and getting to see each of the show director's dreams come to life is definitely the best part of the job."

Not only does Step Sing offer entertainment, it also offers an opportunity to give back. The 14 participating groups raised over \$12,000 towards this year's Step Sing philanthropy, Terra Nova Academy. Located in Kampala, Uganda, the school was created by Samford alum Alisha Damon-Serungange and her husband Abdul. Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi were recognized for raising the largest amount for the worthy cause.

For love of philanthropy and love of tradition, Step Sing makes a great impression on campus, and this year happened to be the 62nd anniversary of the beloved and time honored event. Nearly 1,000 students participated this year either by performing with one of the 14 student-led organizations or by helping committee with production.

"Step Sing is my favorite Samford tradition and this last year as a director has been the greatest," Tim Foote, a senior religion major, said. He helped co-direct University Ministry's show, "A Night to Remember," inspired by high school prom.

"I couldn't have asked for a greater supporting committee or co-director, or a more fun group of college kids to go to prom with," Foote said. "It was a great way to end the last show and my final year of Step Sing."





## Freshman Ladies: You Can Stand

The Freshman Ladies poured out energy and entertainment to open the show with a tribute to rain. Wearing yellow rain jackets over red dresses, the ladies danced to "It's Raining Men" and the Glee mash-up of "Umbrella" and "Singing in the Rain." They showed sass, dancing in their rain boots to "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." Their Ben Brown formation, complete with benches and a fountain, was a notable part of the show. In the show's finale, they formed an "F" and an "L" for Freshman Ladies—a final reminder of who they are.



## Pi Kappa Phi: Ne=VdΣ

Portraying the less popular of Caroline High School, Pi Kapp hiked up their pants and donned their suspenders for their carefully-calculated show, Nerds. It showed the hardships nerds face as the bullying jocks punched, conned and wedged. The jocks, along with everyone else in the audience, laughed as a nerd rode out on a scooter to 'Weird Al's' "White and Nerdy." Eventually, the bullies felt sorry for their actions and reconciled with the nerds. The brothers serenaded audiences with Fun's "Some Nights" and ended with a crowd favorite, "Sweet Caroline."



## Independent Ladies: Band for Life

Indie Ladies centered around the Sanford joke of "ring by spring," the idea that seniors must be betrothed before they graduate. With wedding dresses and sparkly engagement rings, they engaged audiences with Britney Spears' "Lucky" and Bruno Mars' "Marry You." Applause erupted when a giant head cutout of University Minister Matt Kerlin "officiated" the wedding. Tossing bouquets and celebrating wedding-reception style, the ladies belted "YMCA." They ended the show in a diamond formation singing Rihanna's "Diamonds."



## GSS/80A: Man of Tomorrow

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superman! The service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma partnered with students in the Sanford School of the Arts for the second year in a row to bring the story of Superman to life. They opened the show with a casual street scene until villains attacked and captured Lois Lane. But never fear, Clark Kent dashed to a phone booth and quickly exited as Superman to save the day. The show included super, chart-topping songs "Gangnam Style" and Taylor Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble."



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## Zeta Tau Alpha: The Help

"December 7, 1941- a date which will live in infamy," were the words of FDR that opened Zeta's show. Inspired by and dressed like the woman icon Rosie the Riveter, Zeta took audiences on a journey through World War II. Opening with a riveting stomp routine, the women stepped up to work after their boys went to war. They moved audiences to tears when a soldier delivered a folded flag to one of the women. After an FDR radio clip declaring the war over, they finished with the lyrics "I've got soul but I'm not a soldier."



## Sigma Chi: The Formula

Cozy in onesies and diapers, the brothers of Sigma Chi battled their inner baby and put on a hilariously unforgettable show. One unforgettable moment was the clever lyric change of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" to a continuous "wah." Crying, crawling and drawing on the walls, the brothers took us back to our baby days. Every song was a crowd-pleaser including Justin Bieber's "Baby" and "Happy Baby," their rendition of The Four Seasons' "Sherry."

## Phi Mu: Bailed Out

The ladies of Phi Mu raked in laughs with dance routines to "Shake Your Tail Feather" and, in a formation spelling "HAY," Outkast's "Hey Ya." Two of the best formations of the night came from this show—a chicken with a shaking tail feather and a moving tractor with rolling wheels. Dressed in denim overalls, they plowed through a stomp routine with rakes and tin cans. In the finale, they kicked up their heels at a Footloose barn bash and sang the Farmers Insurance jingle, "We are farmers!"



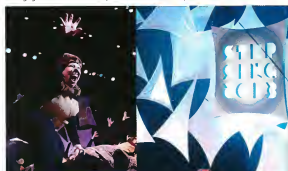
## FreshMix: The Bond

Bond, James Bond. Bringing back the forgotten practice of cued freshman shows, FreshMix went undercover in a James Bond-inspired performance. This show featured an impressive stomp routine as the freshmen waved audiences with their synchronized stamping to the song "Paper Planes." With partner lifts and sassy moves, the choreography was notable. Songs included "Secret Agent Man" and ended with "Live and Let Die."



## Alpha Delta Pi: Lost and Found

"The sun will come out tomorrow," ADPi told us in their show inspired by the classic musical *Annie*. Dressed in rags with dirty faces, the girls pretended to be orphans at Ms. Hannigan's orphanage. With hopeful smiles, they sang "I'm a Survivor" as they did their daily chores. As the orphans laid down for bed, they dreamed of a home to call their own, singing the Les Mis song "On My Own." Eventually the dream came true for one lucky, girl who was adopted and found a place to call home.



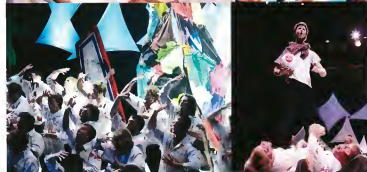
## Ignite: Pause

The group's show placed third overall and won three of the four participants' choice awards. The women unleashed their inner bears and had the audience growling with laughter. It opened with Katy Perry's "Wide Awake" as they awoke from hibernation. The bears enjoyed their "Wild One" lifestyle until a hunter came and shot a furry friend. The mood shifted as they sought revenge on the hunter. The intense, interweaved marching to "Seven Nation Army" was a fan favorite. Audiences and participants agreed that Ignite delivered a bear-y incredible show this year.



## Dudes-A-Plenty: Crash

"Is this real life or is it just madness?" the Dudes wondered as they found themselves on a deserted island where their plane crashed. Wearing suits tattered by the crash, they celebrated survivor successes, singing "This Wood is on Fire," their version of Alicia Keys' "Girl on Fire" and "Faad, Glorious Food." A highlight was the sharp choreography and dramatic lighting in Awaition's "Sar" when the survivors tried to escape on a raft. The Dudes landed another spot in the top three as well as participants' choice for favorite music and the judges' award for excellence in music.



## Alpha Omicron Pi: Where the Wild Things Are

The sisters of AOLI are the few that can say they know all the words to The Lion King's "Circle of Life." Dressed as three different animals, they showed us about life in the jungle. Including a choreographed partner swing dance, they performed songs such as "I Like to Move It," "Eye of the Tiger" and Toto's "Africa." The show ended with a re-creation of the Pride Rock scene in The Lion King, with the stuffed Simba that made the audience cheer.



## Chi Omega: Deliver Us

Chi Omega locked in on a dark and soulful show this year about jail. A new prisoner came in with bloody handprints on her apron, leading the group in a strong opening of "Bottom of the River." She was introduced to life in the prison as the women sang a rendition of "Rehab" and Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools." The dance break featured the inmates dancing to Kid Cudi's "Day and Night." After the new prisoner tried to make an escape, the show ended in chills with The Civil Wars' "Barton Hollow."



## UM: A Night to Remember

University Ministries concluded the night with a trip down memory lane, reminding audience members of the excitement and awkwardness of prom. The group kicked off the performance asking their dates to the dance. The boys sang Justin Bieber's "Boyfriend" and the girls sang a rendition of "Barbie Girl" which then turned into an mashup of the two songs. Patrick Ramsay dressed as a giant disco ball and DJ Roomba made an appearance. The night ended with the song, "I've Had" The Time of My Life,"—a precise description of how many people felt about this year's Step Sing.



# Easter at Samford

The Easter season has always been an important occasion for Samford, and this year was no different.

Tuesday night's Shiloh worship service kicked off the festivities where Dr. Matt Kerlin spoke from 1 Corinthians 15. His sermon focused on the resurrection of Jesus and the hope followers of Christ have about the future resurrection of the dead.

Wednesday brought a plethora of fun with Easter baskets at Samford's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. University Ministries had provided parents with the opportunity to send their students an Easter Basket stuffed with goodies. On Wednesday, students were surprised with the delivery of these baskets that included a stuffed bunny, truffles, milk eggs, jellybeans, a chocolate bunny and other assorted candies.

Wednesday afternoon, Student Activities Council members hid thousands of eggs on the Quad in preparation for the egg hunt. Shortly afterwards, students began to gather on Centennial Walk where the hunt began. The whistle blew, announcing the start of the hunt, and students stormed the Quad with plastic bags, eagerly trying to beat out the competition and collect as many eggs as possible.

"It was so much fun to run around with all my friends and get Easter eggs," said Tim Foote, senior religion major. "There I was, a senior in college, running around with other people my age like I was a little kid again, which made it that much better."

Many of the colorful plastic eggs were not filled with candy. Instead, they held coupons for prizes like Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Magic Muffin treats and Yogurt Mountain gift cards. The greatest of these prizes were two brand-new Apple iPad minis.

"The Easter Egg Hunt was crazy," said Chelsea Pennington, a freshman English major. "It was like Samford's version of the Hunger Games, but it was also an exciting and fun way to let out my inner child. I also got some really great prizes. I will definitely be participating again next year—and I'll be ready to throw some elbows too!"

On Good Friday, Grace Dance Ministry performed their spring concert, "Dynamis," narrating the miracles and stories in the life of Christ. This moving performance highlighted the omnipotent, all-pervading, powerful presence of Christ in our lives today.

By Friday afternoon, campus started to empty as students headed home for Easter. Many students, however, stayed at Samford, choosing to spend the time with their peers. "If I couldn't be home for Easter, the Cal served a very special brunch and a feast for dinner. A meal prepared with and shared with my Samford family, was pretty much the best alternative I could dream up," said sophomore math major Meredith Robinson.

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PHOTOGRAPHER: SRAH WALLER



Within a few minutes, the 4,000 Easter eggs were all hunted, and the two iPads were won. The Student Activities Council gives students a taste of home—and chocolate—as the student body comes together to celebrate Christ's resurrection.





Every competitor left a winner because of the hundreds of free donuts, baby bites and magic muffins.

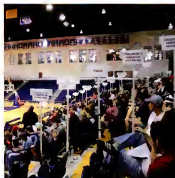




Senior Katrina Brown and sophomore Christine Carrier served at StadiumFest 2013 at Spain Park High School by helping sell merchandise for the performing artists.



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Sophomore Josh Kendrick and members of University Ministries participated in Samford Gives Back by contributing their time and labor.

# Samford Gives Back

On the morning of Saturday, April 13, Samford students came out in droves to work in the Birmingham community through Samford Gives Back (SGB).

Over 400 students volunteered their time and sweat for the benefit of 25 non-profit and religious organizations. The project was spearheaded by Taylor Bell, a senior sociology major from Louisville, Ky. Taylor described his vision of SGB as an investment in service to the community. "It's a launching point, or a small part in a continuing process of service, not just a one-day event," he said. "We wanted Samford Gives Back to be a platform that enhanced Samford University's commitment to long-lasting change and restoration in Birmingham."

Many diverse organizations were represented in the effort, including North Star Ministries, Habitat for Humanity and various churches. Zach Melton, a junior global studies major from Smiths Station, Ala., spent his morning working with a team at Make Way Partners—an organization invested in combating human trafficking

worldwide. "It was great to be able to serve with friends, to give back to an organization that I support and to do all of it as a representative of Samford University," Melton said.

Freshman Laura Bean, a social entrepreneurship major from Murfreesboro, Tenn., had a similar experience at Ecoscapes, a community garden. "Samford Gives Back taught me that serving isn't always stepping into the spotlight," Bean said. "Many times it's going into the background and just doing what needs to be done, and that is where real change happens."

Emilee Rogers, a sophomore religion major from Montgomery, Ala., learned a lesson in humility at Homewood Community Gardens. "It was humbling to know that none of what I did for the garden was imperative, but they allowed us to serve them anyway," she said. "They didn't 'need' us, and we weren't 'saving' them, but we were all really just working together for a common cause. Besides, a little bit of manual labor never hurt anyone."

# Harry's Coffeehouse

Browsing the wall of posters in the SGA office, one can better understand why Harry's Coffeehouse is the place to be on Thursday nights. The bi-monthly concert series has earned the reputation of bringing bands to campus right before they hit it big. And this year was no different.

With artists like Steve Mookler, Shovels and Rope, Marc Scibila, Elenowen and Neulore, the line up for the 2012-2013 school year had people waiting in line outside of Harry's during sound check.

"That is what I love about Harry's," Amy Wilson, a sophomore journalism major said. "Sometimes I come to a show having never heard the artist before, but I always know it's going to be great music."

Harry's Coffeehouse was a subset of SGA's Student Activities Council. From booking the artists to

transforming the room, students were behind every detail. In the spring, junior communication studies major Lia Ferretti and sophomore undeclared major Sarah Overby were put in charge.

"Getting the chance to interact with people who are so talented is simply amazing," Overby said.

But before the artist takes the stage, Overby, Ferretti and their team put in a lot of work to make the concerts happen.

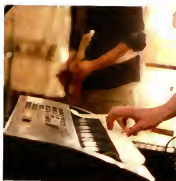
"Honestly, booking the artists is the hardest part of the job," Ferretti said. "We work through a list of artists we want to come, and then play this waiting game to hear back from them. You have to be patient and wait for them to get back to you before you ask the next one on the list."

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Ethan Asters watches as his mentor performs for students during a benefit concert: KENYA Feel the Love. Asters, a senior Church Music major, played in Harry's Coffeehouse quite a few times throughout his Somford career.





Harry's often has special events that draw crowds of students. During Oktoberfest, Harry's relocated outside for the evening.



Seniors Kato Walker and Rebecca Price show their American pride with Samford koozies in Ben Brown Plaza.

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# Spring Fling

The month of April brought the Samford tradition of Spring Fling. The SGA Student Activities Council planned the week with the theme of "America" to inspire student patriotism. Students were encouraged to wear their red, white and blue to show support of both Samford and the USA.

Spring Fling was filled with fun activities in Ben Brown. On Monday afternoon, the week started off with watermelon slices and the traditional photo booth available for students to get their snapshots with their friends.

The Spring Fling Flea Market was brought back for its third year, giving students the opportunity to sell handmade crafts and goods. Most students, like sophomore art major Elizabeth Bacon, were selling their goods to raise money for summer plans.

"My roommate and I love arts and crafts and thought it would be a perfect way to raise money for our missions this summer," Bacon says. "We made sets of stationery that we hand painted, and it was so fun being involved with the event!"

The week continued with even more activities such as the Valtoro wall, dunking booth and free food. But the Ben Brown activities were only the beginning of fun for the week. On Thursday night, Battle of the Bands was hosted in Harry's Canteenhouse. The Roommate Co-op was the name of the band that won the battle

and got to open the Spring Fling concert on Saturday.

Friday afternoon was named "Freedom Friday," and students were encouraged by the Student Activities Council to wear their most patriotic attire in hopes of winning an iPad. Free cookies, caricature drawings and Steel City Pops were also in Ben Brown, closing out the week with a bang.

On Saturday night, the Roommate Co-op, Green River Ordinance and Love and Theft took the stage in the Pete Hanna Center. The Roommate Co-op opened the show with a mix of creative cover songs as well as originals, and both headliner bands provided great entertainment to the crowd of Samford students.

Students in the crowd were thrilled to sing along to popular songs like "Angel Eyes" from Love and Theft as well as experience new music from Green River Ordinance.

"I could not have been happier with how great Green River Ordinance paired with Love and Theft," said sophomore Sarah Overby, SAC Director of Musical Entertainment. "They were really nice guys with music that not many Samford people have heard, so I was glad they got to share that with the Samford community. It was a perfect end to a great Spring Fling week."

# Intramurals

On any night, one can find a variety of sports being played across the street at the Intramural Fields. Campus Recreation's intramurals are one of the biggest campus-wide activities at Samford. With activities offered in both the fall and the spring, the opportunities to play on an intramural team are limitless.

Intramural sports aren't just for the athletic students, however. Teams were created to accommodate students of all skill levels. Sports offered weren't just your typical softball, flag football and volleyball. They ranged from Ultimate Frisbee to basketball to dodgeball and Texas Hold'em.

Ultimate Frisbee was one of the more intense intramural sports, and was very popular among students.

"Nothing beats a fantastic play in Ultimate," Garrett Vande Kamp, a junior political science major, said. "My favorite moment from this past year was a game where we were severely outnumbered. There were five of us and seven opponents on the field. We were intimidated by the disadvantage, but we managed to score in less than two minutes on the first play of the game. The sheer awesomeness of the play gave confidence to our team to finish the game strong."

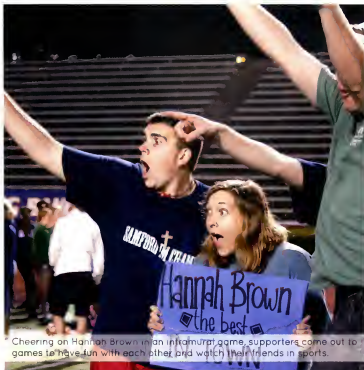
Intramurals were also more than just athletic competitions. They were opportunities to have fun while trying to keep a competitive edge.

"I really enjoyed playing softball on the intramural teams, because there are a lot of really funny moments that go along with intramurals, especially when you have a team full of people who have never played before," says Michael Arthur, a sophomore political science major. "When people ask you what the proper batting stance is, you know you are in for an interesting ride."

Samford's intramural sports also provided a great way for students to form new communities.

"I played volleyball with the UM girls team. My favorite part was the community and getting to know the girls on my team while having a great time," said Abbie Shiner, freshman nursing major. "It wasn't about winning but about enjoying the game and enjoying each other's company. Our encouragement for each other was something I really admired."

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Cheering on Hannah Brown in an intramural game, supporters come out to games to have fun with each other and watch their friends in sports.



The proud intramural team took home the number one title in Flag Football. Comprised of sophomores, juniors and seniors, this intramural team reflected a great range of talent and age.



Students enjoy a few days in the buzzing city of New York, experiencing the busyness of Times Square and seeing famous sites.

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The 90s dance is the perfect way to start off the year for international students at Samford. It gives them a taste of the fun to be had on weekends.



## International Students

Imagine going to school in a completely different country, without knowing anyone or anything about the culture. Would you be nervous? Intimidated? Excited? Terrified? That's probably how Samford's 175 international students from all over the world feel about coming to school in Birmingham, Ala.

Students from China, India, the United Kingdom and many other countries agree to participate in Samford's exchange program usually for one reason: to learn or to improve their English through immersion while obtaining a college education.

"They recognize that in order to succeed in a global economy, particularly in China, that English is very important," international and Graduate Student Coordinator Kylie Bailey said.

Student Affairs works to integrate the exchange students into campus life. The international students become familiar with the campus and all it has to offer through orientation. From there, they make friends and begin to build relationships with one another and fellow Samford students.

Student Affairs also plans regular events, such as a Chinese New Year celebration and an international homecoming tent. "Homecoming is a fairly big deal here and it's an opportunity for them to be a part of that," Bailey said.

Events like these help international students get a feel of a college experience and raise their profile on campus. The goal is to make every student feel welcome and to give them a sense of belonging.

Even with this goal in mind, international students face challenges while attending Samford.

"For me, the most challenging things are the language barrier and cultural difference," marketing major Sandro Lee from Hong Kong said. "Although I can speak English, I cannot fully understand what the Americans or other international students are talking about. This is also a chance for me to step out from my comfort zone and to explore other cultures. This can help me to grow more."

For sophomore math major Zhichao Li from Beijing, his experience at Samford changed his point of view toward Americans. "Now I know Americans not always eat cheeseburger," he said. "I am glad that these experiences make me know the world better."

Second-year law student Sophie Lemmon from the United Kingdom sums up her Samford experience as amazing and completely different from anything she could have experienced in the UK. "It is strange for an English person from quite a big university to suddenly be dropped into the middle of such a small community where everyone smiles and says hello," she said.

Samford offers a great avenue for international students to study in the states, as well as avenues for Samford students to study overseas.

# Campus Updates

Samford's freshman enrollment was at an all-time high, and as a result Vail Hall maximized every inch of available space. Most corner rooms in Vail housed three students, instead of the usual two. A few freshmen escaped the chaos by living in Pittman, a dorm heavily populated with upperclassmen. "I was one of the lucky ones who got in Pittman," said freshman theater major Anna Dunbar. "I can leave my dorm at 7:55 a.m. and still be on time to my 8:00 a.m. class. I also get to share a hall with both freshmen and sophomores."

Housing adjusted again, once the spring semester arrived. The entire student body was talking as Thorne Hall, the first building of the new student apartments, opened. West Village, the home to these new apartments, will eventually house almost 1,000 students. Each apartment features four bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and two bathrooms. Students from both Beeson Woods and Pittman Hall transferred into West Village at the beginning of second semester, allowing some of Pittman's sophomores to move into Beeson, and Vail's freshmen to move into Pittman.

In March, Samford began enforcing a new smoking policy. Previously, smoking was unrestricted on campus. Now, the

policy limits smoking to designated areas on campus. This change did not dramatically affect all students, but most smokers found that their usual smoking areas were now off limits. While this new policy seems restrictive, it is a far cry from the initial proposal – a completely tobacco-free campus. For the most part, students support this new policy. Patrick Ramsay, a junior journalism and mass communications major said, "I think the new smoking policy is fantastic. It is making Samford both a cleaner and healthier environment to be in without completely taking away an individual's right to smoke."

At the end of the semester, Samford completed campus updates with a new baseball and softball facility. Fundraising started in 2005 and construction began this past August. The new facility will allow baseball and softball teams to train throughout the year, allowing Samford's SoCon athletes to compete at a higher level.

Samford's campus has had tremendous transformations this year—transformations that will only continue and improve with the rest of West Village opening in fall 2013.

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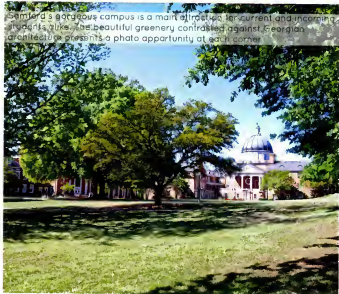


The benches outside Leno Vail Davis Hall hold fond memories of freshman year for many students. Sitting under the stunning cherry blossoms, many conversations take place and many a phone call is made.



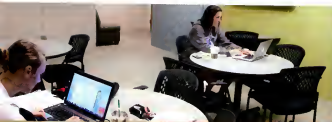


Samford's gorgeous campus is a main attraction for current and incoming students alike. The beautiful greenery contrasted against Georgian architecture presents a photo opportunity at each corner.



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# Fine Arts

The School of the Arts provided students with an opportunity to express what's part of their soul -- be it through painting, graphic design, acting, dancing, music or other forms of media.

"My favorite thing about the School of the Arts was the amount of opportunity the school gives you to really expand your creativity and give you real world experience," said Kyle Demorco, a freshman graphic design major.

Students who chose to study fine arts at Samford were able to sharpen their skills and enjoy a quality learning environment and friendly patrons.

"One of the things I liked most was the overwhelming sense of community around campus. The moment I first stepped foot on the campus, I began to notice the students and how they all seemed to get along with each other," Demorco said. "For instance, in painting class we worked on a surreal painting that was completely our own idea. We can do anything we want so as you can imagine there are a lot of ideas that get bounced around the art studio at once."

As with everything spectacular, there is a lot of work that has to be done to keep things running smoothly with events and productions. But this work had meaningful rewards for students as well. With dozens of majors and minors to choose from, the School of the Arts was more than ready to meet students' needs and help them reach their academic and skillful goals.

Josh Harper, a Worship Leadership minor, said that he relished the communal atmosphere that Samford and the School of the Arts possessed.

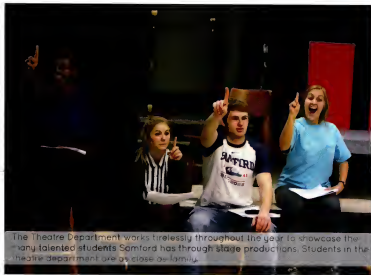
"The campus is really pretty, most of the professors are helpful and I enjoy having a good community of believers," he said. "It gave me a great community of musicians and it's a good challenge."

With so many opportunities and choices as to how to pursue them, it could be overwhelming to students as to which path to take. Luckily Samford's School of the Arts was equipped with a dedicated and friendly staff in order to assist students on their journey so that their schooling was fulfilling and worthwhile.

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Ceramics class allows students both in and not in the School of the Arts to try their bare hands at creating modern pieces.

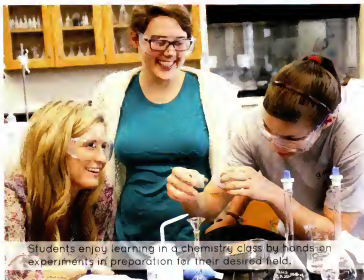




Dr. Millicent Bolder won the 2013 Arts and Sciences Teaching Award.



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Students enjoy learning in a chemistry class by hands-on experiments in preparation for their desired field.



# Arts and Sciences

Howard College of Arts and Sciences offers learning, experience and professional preparation in dozens of majors, minors and concentrations in 16 departments.

Dr. Paul Cha, a history professor, said that he likes for his students to gain the sense that history can be fun and interesting. "What happened 2000 years ago is still relevant to today's society," said Dr. Cha. "I want students to apply what they learn in the classroom to daily life, and learn how to relate to those facts. Putting yourself there forces you to be analytical," which he said is an important skill to learn in that field.

Students who studied liberal arts experienced attributes from many different areas of study all wrapped up in one degree. Jake Hamilton, a junior English major, said that he enjoys studying English for that very reason.

"I think there are a lot of aspects about the English major that make it valuable. The Samford English department is full of exceptional teachers who teach their students how to respectfully and openly discuss literature and difficult issues with one another," he said. "Literature is also a very honest way to experience and learn about history. I have always liked history, but have never been good at memorizing dates and events. I like that the literature we read in our English

classes gave me a context to understand and place history. I think it is important to be a good writer and the English major taught and continues to teach me how to be an effective writer."

Dr. Rosemary Fisk, Associate Dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences and an English professor, said that she wants students to see how their ability to analyze literature and write well will benefit them and increase the quality of their lives.

"I loved teaching English because everyday was different, and I could relate the assignment to current events and help students see the point in their classroom learning," said Dr. Fisk.

Howard College of Arts and Sciences offered students an excellent learning environment both inside and outside the classroom. Thomas Espy, a senior International Relations major, said that his time at Samford allowed him to get hands on experience in his field.

"I studied abroad in Bamberg, Germany. My future in language study will derive from my success during that study abroad experience."

# Business

Samford's Brock School of Business offered undergraduate degrees in Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Management, and Marketing.

Alex Snow, a Junior Accounting major, said that he likes the long term opportunities Brock School of Business presents to him.

"I have always been a more numbers-based person, so I knew I wanted to major in Business. Accounting was attractive to me because of the competitiveness within the field and the challenge that the material presents," he said.

"From what I have learned in the business school here at Samford, I feel very prepared for the real world after college," Snow said. "I believe the smaller learning environment provided students with a great advantage over some students who attended larger universities. Being able to connect with my professors was something that I feel will also help me after I graduate."

One of the distinct advantages of Brock School of Business was the faculty who are experts in their fields of industry. Professors were able to teach students based off of experience in the industry, and supplement textbook information with real-world experiences.

"If I had to point to one professor that I have appreciated the most, I'd say that Jeff Dance has done a tremendous job of teaching his students about management."

Dance used his class to relate to real life situations that I deal with everyday to management. "He was always very honest with his students and always had a way to relate a management issue to something that we as college students could understand," Snow said.

Alex Whitecotton, a freshman Pre-Business major and Political Science minor, said that he liked studying Business for many of the same reasons. "Business is more open-ended and can be useful in a variety of fields, so I felt like choosing to study it prevented me from being backed into a corner job-wise and helped me to keep my options open," said Whitecotton.

Studying one of the six majors offered by the Brock School of Business exposed students to new ways of learning and thinking about the world around them, as well as an environment of camaraderie and honesty.

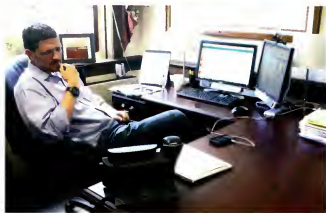
"I feel leaps and bounds more prepared for not only the business world, but for life in general," Snow said.

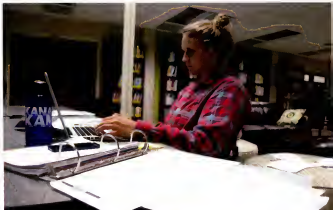
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Staying on top of current news is essential for business students. At Samford, business majors take rigorous courses to train their minds to think like sophisticated and smart businessmen and women.



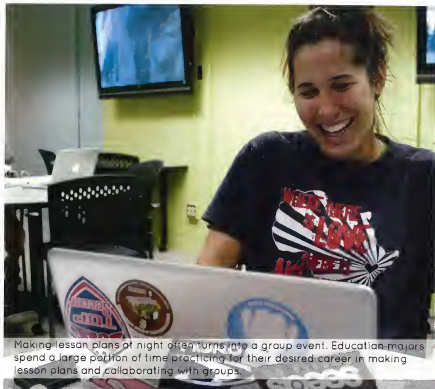




The education division has a wide variety of resources, such as fully equipped computer labs and a wealth of space to sit and study.



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Making lesson plans at night often turns into a group event. Education majors spend a large portion of time practicing for their desired career in making lesson plans and collaborating with groups.

# Education

The men and women who comprised the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies represented the future of education and worked hard to ensure they were well prepared to teach.

"Teachers provide so much more than an education straight from a textbook, they teach these children skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," Jamie Ferguson, a junior education major, said.

Enriching the lives of children is a responsibility that the students did not take lightly. Lesson plans, clinical hours, time interacting in classrooms and student teaching were necessary parts of the education curriculum.

"With all the work and planning that goes into teaching waking up at 5:30 was necessary but brutal," Ferguson said. "In the end, it's all worth it when you see your students comprehend what you're teaching them."

The group bonded over their early morning wake-up calls, love for students and ability to swap teaching tips or stories about children.

"So much of being successful in teaching is being successful in how you work within your community in the school. We relied on each other in group work, planning, professional development and encouragement," Ferguson said. "I can think of countless occasions in which a classmate encouraged me to continue to persevere in this profession."

The education department partnered with Trace Crossings Elementary school in Hoover, Ala. The partnership allowed sophomore and junior education majors to spend time in classrooms and begin the student teaching process.

"Partnering with Trace Crossings gave us the opportunity to become a long term part of a school family," Lindsay Wiseman, a junior education major said. "Instead of participating in basic clinical placements, we supported and served the teachers and students at Trace on a deeper and more meaningful level."

Graduating seniors went into classrooms across the Birmingham community to student teach for the spring semester.

"Student teaching was a great opportunity to combine everything we have learned over the past few years in the education school, put it into practice and see results," Kelsey Stoner, a senior education major said. "It was rewarding to see lesson plans come to life."

The future teachers agreed that their most important role was to teach their students to love learning.

"In five years they may not remember what day the Battle of Gettysburg was fought," Ferguson said, "but a good teacher instills a love for learning, which will stay with them for years to come."

# Nursing

Students walking through campus dressed in white scrubs from head to toe were not an uncommon sight on campus this year. The traditional uniform worn by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing students serves as a rite of passage for the men and women who are studying day in and day out to become a nurse.

With courses ranging from pathophysiology to pharmacology, the curriculum was daunting and the material was challenging. The future health care professionals did not let their coursework overwhelm them. Instead they embraced the challenge.

"Simply passing a course was never enough; we always strived for excellence," said Victoria Rogers, a junior nursing major.

In the midst of their studies, the future nurses bonded over anatomy, physiology and a mutual passion for healthcare.

"Without a doubt, my very favorite thing about the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing was the people found within it," said Rogers. "There was such a strong sense of class unity existing within each clinical year, as we grew together from learning to take our very first set of vital signs to treating a patient in need of critical care."

After the completion of introductory nursing courses, students were given the opportunity to go out in the Birmingham area for clinicals.

"Clinicals are helpful because you're not just sitting in a classroom listening and learning but actually practicing what you've been taught," Ragan Spinks, a junior nursing major said. "When you graduate and start a job, you are not taken aback completely by the atmosphere and responsibilities required to be a nurse."

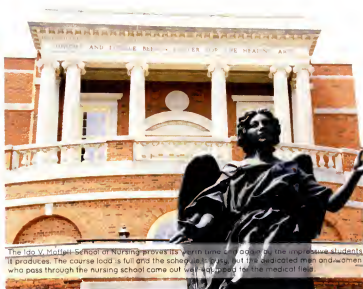
Clinical hours, although daunting at times, provided students with an opportunity to see multiple sides of nursing. The variety allowed the future nurses to consider areas of specialization for their future career.

"The wide variety of clinical sites available exposed students to all areas of the medical world—from outpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and the operation suite of a hospital to labor and delivery units and community health centers," Rogers said.

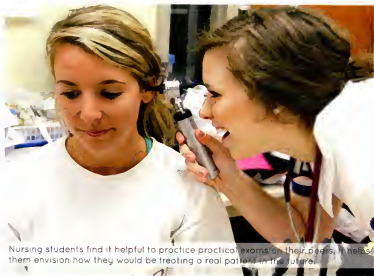
The students worked hard throughout the year to prepare themselves for their future careers serving others.

"Nursing is all about setting goals, prioritizing care, and consciously administering the same quality of care to all patients," Rogers said.

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The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing proves its worth time and again by the impressive students it produces. The course load is full and the schedule is busy, but the dedicated men and women who pass through the nursing school come out well-equipped for the medical field.

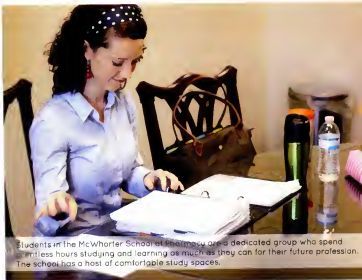


Nursing students find it helpful to practice practical exams on their peers, it helps them envision how they would be treating a real patient in the future.





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Students in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy are a dedicated group who spend countless hours studying and learning as much as they can for their future profession. The school has a host of comfortable study spaces.



Two pharmacy students choose to study in a group because of the tremendous fun it provides during long study sessions.

# Pharmacy

With its excellent staff and outstanding work ethic, the McWhorter School of Pharmacy was a boon to campus life and the surrounding community. The McWhorter School of Pharmacy's mission was to "nurture and prepare persons within a Christian environment to be exemplary pharmacists and to improve health worldwide through innovative pharmacy practice, scholarship and service," and the faculty and staff did everything to make that happen.

"One of the best things about the McWhorter School of Pharmacy is the professors. Each professor brings something unique to the classroom when he or she teaches. They want to create an environment conducive to learning and truly want to help us succeed," said Michelle Mahan, a third year doctor of pharmacy student. "Professors want to have relationships with you and many know you by name even though there are a lot of students in the pharmacy program."

She said the professors have "helped me develop the skills needed to be an effective healthcare professional and to always have patient care as a first priority."

"I have loved my time at Samford, especially my time at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy," said John McKay, a fourth year doctor of pharmacy. "I started without a lot of direction, but through the classes, interactions with professors and opportunities to explore the many areas of pharmacy, I have found my niche."

McKay said that he feels that Samford and the McWhorter School of Pharmacy are a good fit for him. Prior to applying to the school, he had the opportunity to work with McWhorter graduates. After interacting with alumni, he knew he would well prepared to be a good pharmacist upon graduation.

He said that among his favorite memories of pharmacy school was the team building day during orientation that was held on the quad. "I was able to meet a lot of friends there that ended up being some of my best friends during pharmacy school," he added.

With its sense of community and highly qualified teaching staff, the McWhorter School of Pharmacy certainly made an impact by producing highly skilled, motivated and caring pharmacists that really enjoy what they do and don't get burned out during college -- they had a real passion for what they do, and they sought to make sure it was done properly.

# University Fellows

The University Fellows claimed some of the brightest minds on campus as Samford's high honor program. Fellows spent their freshman and sophomore years immersed in an interdisciplinary core curriculum. Kaitlin Moore, a freshman theater major said, "The goal is to learn about all the great ideas in our world in every aspect of learning."

In class, Fellows discussed everything from Aristotle and Plato to Luther and Calvin. "I love that we can talk about everything from the latest movie release to the concept of justice to the existence of heaven and hell," said Kaleena Woodruff, a sophomore communication studies major.

Classes were small and discussion-based. It was not all about taking notes or memorizing facts. Rather, it was about understanding the great ideas that have shaped our world.

The program was not just about the classes either, but the relationships. Fellows lived together as a community, playing "Zombies," watching movies and studying in the "Froom." Freshman math major Ivan Truss said, "My favorite thing about being a University Fellow is the people and having a group of friends that know exactly what my workload is like and what I'm going through."

The program culminated with a Jan-Term trip for sophomore Fellows. The three-week adventure was the trip that every Fellow looked forward to. It was an opportunity for Fellows to visit the many places they have read about and studied during their time as a Fellow.

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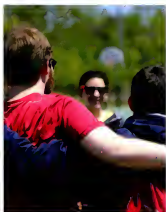


Sitting by the aqueducts in Italy, the sophomore fellows enjoy a beautiful afternoon with the sun streaming in, relaxing after a long day exploring in good company.





The end of the year picnic provides Fellows with the opportunity to discuss and reflect on a year of classes, friendships and lessons learned.





A group of juniors and seniors enjoy traveling across European borders before taking JanTerm classes in the Daniel House located in London.



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Looking out on beautiful Italian scenery, many groups of students have the opportunity to travel overseas and experience different cultures.



# Study Abroad

Samford's study abroad program offered students a chance to experience life from a different perspective and learn about the world's many cultures first hand. Samford offered many programs with locations in South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and many more.

Austin Davis, a senior International Relations major and Religion minor, chose an expedition to Jordan during Jan Term 2013. The trip started out with a bang when Amman, Jordan was covered with a rare foot of snow for the first time in years. The trip lasted two weeks and was lead by Dr. Delane Tew. During that time students attended classes and helped out at Arab Women Today, a Christian nonprofit organization for women's rights.

"We spent about four or five class days total at the Jordanian Theological Seminary", said Davis, "we also visited a Jordanian newspaper company and talked to the editor -- it was all pretty cool. I fell in love with it."

Ian Ledgerwood, a junior double majoring in German and history, participated in the exchange program to Weingarten, Germany. He said that he had most looked forward to his view of the Swiss Alps from his student apartment, as well as the unique chance to personally observe German culture and the beauty that is ever present in Germany's serene landscape.

Dr. Angela Ferguson said that Samford's Weingarten program offers students an opportunity to make meaningful contacts in their college career and is a cost effective choice since students receive a stipend for their time.

Dr. Ferguson said, "In order for language to be meaningful you have to experience the culture firsthand. Germany is a magnificent place to do that."

With supportive professors like Dr. Ferguson, the study abroad program at Samford created a warm and familiar atmosphere between students that encouraged lasting relationships and fed the desire for adventure and learning.

Andrew Mays, a Pre Law and International Relations Double major with a minor in German, studied abroad in Bamberg, Germany through Samford at the Treffpunkt Sprachinstitut.

"The school's intensive course programs proved to be very difficult, but highly rewarding, and it turned out to be the best summer of my life. I learned and experienced so much that it felt like I had lived there for ages, yet the time passed so much faster than seemed possible," said Mays. "There's a reason that Bamberg is nicknamed the 'fairy tale village', it was absolutely wonderful."

Samford also offered a program in Spain. Students chose either to spend a short time in Spain or remain for an extended visit, 26 students travelled to Spain with Samford during the Summer of 2013.

"Depending on which program students chose they stay either five or nine weeks," said Dr. Charles Workman. Students who stayed for the longer program had three weekends of travel including a free weekend to go wherever they like.

Whichever program students decided to venture upon, studying abroad is a rewarding experience for anyone looking for a special way to pursue knowledge and cultivate friendship.

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# Student Recruitment Team

Danning red polo shirts, khaki pants and riding limousine golf carts, the Student Recruitment Team shared their Samford stories with prospective students this year. Samford's Student Recruitment Team (SRT) was a highly selective group of students working for the Office of Admission as tour guides and Preview Day hosts and organizers.

"My favorite part of being on SRT was the deep conversations I was able to have with families where I know I made a difference, or at least put them more at ease about their collegiate decision," said Nick Boardman, senior accounting major and president of SRT.

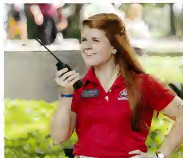
Other SRT members agreed with Boardman. They enjoyed meeting prospective students and helping them feel at home on campus. SRT members shared one common sentiment: they loved their time at Samford and wanted to share it with prospective students. SRT provided prospective students a more personal

look at Samford through the eyes of current students. On tours or in student panels, SRT members shared some of their favorite memories. Junior mathematics major Megan Reneau told her tour groups about a Halloween party her professor hosted. "We got to meet him and his wife and hear about their life. It meant a lot that he took the time to invest in us as students," said Reneau.

SRT members were passionate about the university, and telling their Samford stories only deepened their gratitude. "When you tell students about Samford, you realize how much Samford has affected your college experience" said junior JMC major and SRT vice president, Allie Klaubert. Boardman shared a similar sentiment, "I've really come to appreciate the excellence with which things are done at Samford."

SRT gave these students an opportunity to share their love of Samford with prospective students and it strengthened members' appreciation for the university.

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The Student Recruitment Team is comprised of students who embody the values of Samford and are passionate about advocating their school.



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The Ambassador program is a competitive organization to get in to. This group of students represent Samford by wearing red and navy attire, big smiles and outgoing personalities.



## Ambassadors

For some, the Samford Ambassador program may have simply been a group of students clad in neatly pressed suits, donning traditional Samford-colored ties and rubbing elbows with Samford's best. But for the students that took part in the program, Samford Ambassadors meant much more.

The Samford Ambassador program consisted of approximately 30 undergraduate students. By definition, the Samford Ambassadors assisted in the university's donor, constituent and community relations. They also supported the Office of the President and helped with the Office of Alumni Programs and other university offices as needed.

One of the most important times of year for the Samford Ambassadors was Homecoming. Homecoming Weekend brought Samford alumni from all generations to the university, and Samford Ambassadors served as official hosts during the weekend.

Brennen Febles, a sophomore accounting major, said his time as a Samford Ambassador has given him the opportunity to speak firsthand with some of Samford's alumni.

"Homecoming is definitely the busiest weekend for Ambassadors, but I really enjoyed having so much interaction with the alumni," said Febles. "I heard so many wonderful stories about the former students' time at Samford, and the weekend really gave me an appreciation for how far the university has come."

One of the events during Homecoming Weekend was the annual Golden Bulldog Luncheon, which hosted alumni who graduated from Samford 50 years ago. For Jake Hamilton, a junior English major, this was one of his most rewarding experiences.

"This class was one of the first to have graduated on the Lakeshore campus, so it was especially interesting to hear their stories centered around the campus that I had spent my college career," said Hamilton.

While much of the Samford Ambassadors' time may have been spent meeting and hearing stories from Samford's donors and alumni, the Samford Ambassadors also had an opportunity to tell their own story to the people they served, and for many, this gave them the chance to say "thanks."

"It is truly a humbling experience to be able to look into the eyes of the people who have made your education and college experience possible and try to muster the words to adequately thank them for all that they have done," said Allison Hubbard, a senior Journalism and Mass Communication major.

For Hubbard and the other Samford Ambassadors, the program meant more than just a suit.

"I'll have learned one thing as an Ambassador. It is not about being a part of an elite group of students," said Hubbard. "It is about having the opportunity to humbly express your gratitude to people who find Samford a place worthy to invest their time, energy and resources."

# Student Government Association

From the moment elections were finalized in the spring of 2012, the Student Government Association's Student Executive Board got to work to make this an unforgettable year.

SGA President Cameron Thomas, a junior religion major, said he is proud of what every branch of SGA was able to accomplish.

"We took on some challenging tasks this year, like rewriting the Code of Laws and establishing the Committee for Multicultural Affairs. We planned larger events and worked to empower our class officers," he said.

The task of re-writing SGA's Code of Laws was given to the Senate. In partnership with the SGA Constitution, the Code of Laws explained how the organization functioned.

"It is important to have an updated Code of Laws because we are an organization that transitions leaders

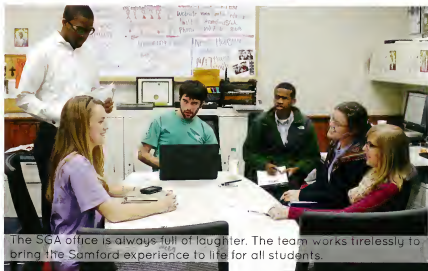
every year. Students graduate and new positions are filled. The Code of Laws establishes how SGA is run," said Vice President for Senate Corey Jackson, a senior psychology major.

SGA formed the Committee for Multicultural Affairs. After a proposal came through Senate during the previous year, the Student Executive Board felt the creation of this committee would better the university as a whole.

"Senate realized that there was a need to support diversity on Samford's campus. We then passed a resolution forming the Committee for Multicultural Affairs to support multicultural groups on campus by allocating funds, raising awareness and providing advice," Chief of Staff Cameron Collins said.

"While this committee is only in its infancy, I think it has already helped make Samford a more open place where diversity is something we celebrate."

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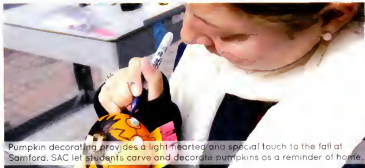
The SGA office is always full of laughter. The team works tirelessly to bring the Samford experience to life for all students.





Sarah Waller, Vice President for Events, helps a Seeds Coffee employee set out freebies for Samford students to enjoy in Ben Brown Plaza.





Pumpkin decorating provides a light-hearted and special touch to the fall at Samford. SAC let students carve and decorate pumpkins as a reminder of home.



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The Student Activities Council is a lively group committed to making Samford events as enjoyable and memorable as possible.



Sophomore Patrick Ramsau sells Lighting of the Way shirts as a reminder of how special the Christmas season at Samford is.

# Student Activities Council

Homecoming, Spring Fling and Lighting of the Way were just a few events that Samford had to offer during the school year. For students the events helped create memories, but for the members of the Student Activities Council (SAC) it's leaving their legacy.

Over the years, events at Samford have become bigger and better, and each SAC director has left his or her mark on the event. Senior journalism and mass communication major Sarah Waller served as the Vice President of Events on the Student Executive Board for 2013. She said that "events create opportunities for people to interact and build community on campus and create memories."

"Planning for events occurs throughout the year," said sophomore, accounting major and Director of Annual Events, Andrew Bragg. "we start planning a couple of months before the actual event takes place." Bragg's favorite part of planning an event is when "we are able to brainstorm ideas for all the activities and everyone is able to contribute and get excited for the event."

Homecoming was Bragg's favorite event because "we are able to not only have current students involved, but alumni are also able to be involved." Bragg's hope as an Annual Events Director

was that he would be remembered as "someone who boosted school spirit and patriotism."

The Ben Rector concert of the Homecoming Bonfire was also a huge success for SAC. This year's concert was the largest they had seen in years, and Waller said, "they had to move the bonfire back several yards to accommodate for all the people there."

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was the largest that Samford had ever seen. Doubling the amount of eggs to 4,000 and giving away prizes of a total of \$6,500 including two iPad Minis, it was a huge success. Kayla Franks, a Junior accounting major and Special Events Director, said, "Over 400 students came to the event, and I can't wait to see the event grow."

The Student Activities Council's goal was to make things different. Waller felt that it was important to note that there is "a fine line between tradition and repetition." She wanted her fellow classmates to "look back at their Samford experience and have positive memories of events, and for students to say 'remember when...'"

# Philanthropy Awareness Council

The daily cost of Samford University was not a reported fact, but money was necessary to run a university of its size. Money paid for the buildings, the faculty and of course, the grass. But this money was not all provided by students' tuition dollars. Those who donated to the university funded a remarkable amount of the Samford experience. The Philanthropy Awareness Council was created to make students aware of this fact.

"We want to spread awareness about how important philanthropy is to Samford students," PAC President and senior political science major Weathers Veazey said.

Samford ran a 30:70 ratio, meaning that only 70 percent of the Samford experience came from tuition. The other 30 percent was provided by gifts to the University.

"We are a group that has our sole purpose embedded in raising awareness. We want to constantly remind students to be thankful. If that eventually means they will give back to Samford that is great. Our purpose is not fundraising but thankfulness," Veazey said.

PAC began work right away by co-sponsoring Connections 90s Party at the beginning of the year. And on random days throughout the year, the council held several "PAC on the Plaza" events like handing out free hot chocolate in the winter.

The biggest event of the year was a concert featuring the band Trotline in celebration of Philanthropy Difference Day. "There is a day in the spring semester when Samford would have to shut its doors if not for donor dollars," Veazey said.

The admission to the concert was a thank you note written to someone who had donated to the university this past year. PAC's goal was to give a thank you note to every single donor from the past year, irrelevant of the amount that they had given to Samford.

"We had more than 1,000 different students write a letter, and a ton of students wrote multiple. The student involvement really blew us away," she said.

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Sophomore Trey Ingram, juniors Katy Finn and Melissa Jeffcoat and senior Kathleen Hyland help to organize the Trotline Concert.



Senior Kaleigh Warwick greets the induction of new Omicron Delta Kappa members. These new members exemplified outstanding academics, service and involvement at Samford.

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# Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa was a national leadership honor society. Membership to this organization was limited to the top 3 percent of leadership on campus. Samford's circle of ODK shared the same mission as the national ODK, to recognize those with high standards of efficiency, bringing together representative students in all phases of collegiate life and bringing together members of the faculty and student body.

Omicron Delta Kappa co-hosted Samford Gives Back with the Office of Student Leadership. This was annual tradition that started four years ago as the ODK Day of Service. Over the past two years, ODK has implemented a program where senior administrators mentor freshman members.

2013 was a year that excitedly welcomed the first group of Samford graduate students to ODK. Omicron Delta Kappa consisted of undergraduates, faculty, honoris causa and graduate law and nursing students.

President of ODK, senior Cameron Collins reflected on his time as a member of the organization. "I have valued my time as a member of ODK because it has connected me to passionate leaders from across campus," Collins said. "The servant leadership exemplified through this group of people has truly humbled me and encouraged me in my service to others."

# Gamma Sigma Sigma

Gamma Sigma Sigma was one of the service sororities on campus. Delta Sigma is one of the few chapters nationwide that had male members.

Emily Ashworth, a sophomore accounting social entrepreneurship major served as chapter president. "I really like the fact that Gamma Sigma Sigma is specifically for service," said Ashworth.

Gamma Sigma Sigma's motto is "unity in service." Members take time out of their afternoons and weekends to put people they have sometimes never met before them," Ashworth commented.

The service sorority was not entirely for service, it also was based on friendship and equality. That was why the service sorority was welcoming to male members.

Gamma Sigma Sigma had several events for the members outside of serving. For spring recruitment, Gamma Sigma Sigma went to the lake. They also hosted formal for their members. Gamma Sigma Sigma participates in many service events. This year they participated in Trace for Treats, Old Howard Bike Ride, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, helping the homeless in Birmingham and many more.

Katie Dover, a junior biology and history major said, "I love that we get to serve the community that we live in."

Gamma Sigma Sigma's favorite service event was Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods. For this event, all the members got dressed up in costumes and divided up in groups. Each group got a certain neighborhood to go to and asked for canned goods. This is a fun event for all the members to get involved in and it was for a great cause.

"Gamma Sigma Sigma has provided me with so many opportunities to give back to the Samford and the Birmingham community. We have truly gotten our name out in the past couple of years and I could not be prouder," said Amy Vu, a junior biology major.

Gamma Sigma Sigma also participated in Samford Gives Back. This was a fun way for Gamma Sigma Sigma to get involved with other groups on campus.

Ashworth said, "As far as service goes, I believe that it is a biblical calling that this organization completes as best as it can."

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Members of Gamma Sigma Sigma enjoyed dressing up for Halloween. As a service sorority, the girls bonded over helping people.



# Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega was a national coeducational service organization that provided its members the opportunity to develop leadership skills as they volunteered on their campus, in their community, to the nation and to the organization. Sanford's Chapter was established in 1969.

"Our core values of leadership, service and friendship is something that I think we portray very well. Through our service projects we are able to get the opportunities to be leaders in our communities by providing service to those in need while also getting to know others," said Alpha Phi Omega President Kyndall Spooner.

APO's stated mission is to prepare campus and community leaders through service.

"I really enjoy the opportunity to serve the community while also being able to fellowship with great friends," said APO member, Jenna Sims.

The members fulfilled this mission of service in several different ways. The organization helped Operation Christmas Child Birmingham Collection Facility by packing and shipping shoeboxes to Atlanta, Ga. APO also collected goods to be sent to Three Hats And A Cat, who supplied provisions for Ryan Winslow Veterans Center.

Members also lent a hand in the bagging of 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes that would be donated to local food banks, shellers and families in need.

"Participating in the Sweet Potato Drop was particularly rewarding because it allowed us to directly see our efforts benefiting people in our community," said member Abbey Lemons.

# College Republicans

According to Derek Cantrell, senior history major and Executive Director of College Republicans, Samford University's College Republicans was an organization striving "to promote the ideals of the Republican Party around campus and to provide avenues for students to get involved in politics and make connections with local and statewide politicians."

Samford University College Republicans had a busy year due to the Presidential Election in November 2012.

"A popular and rising club on campus, SUCR's encouraged political activism through voter registration, volunteer activities and a year-round calendar of events," Weathers Veazey said, a senior political science major and Chair of College Republicans. Some of these events included debate viewing and election night parties, a few of which the local news even attended.

The election party had a large turnout. This was William Teer's, a junior political science major and Vice Chair of College Republicans, favorite event. "The Pete Hanna

Hospitality Suite was decked out in American decor as we watched the voting results come in live," he said. "While the result of the Presidential Election was not exactly what we were hoping for, the event was still great and got a lot of people involved," said Cantrell.

Not only was College Republicans active during an election season but also throughout the year. Several office-holding politicians in Alabama visited Samford and spoke at meetings.

Furthermore, College Republicans served as an outlet for individuals to further their political careers. Veazey said this year specifically she was given "the opportunity to interact with a large number of political figures who were running for election." Due to the great connections and networking of Samford's College Republicans, a few students were also able to take internships with the Republican Party of Alabama.

For those with a passion for conservative politics, College Republicans offered a perfect avenue.

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Awaiting the Presidential Election results, hopeful Republicans gather together to support the Republican Nominee.







COLLEGEDEMS  
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA

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# College Democrats

With the election year came a period of officer transition for Samford Democrats, a small but vibrant group on campus. This year's group of Samford Democrats hosted a couple of events to promote political awareness.

President and sophomore political science major Marquis Bell-Ard participated in a debate on the performance of presidential candidates. The debate was part of local news station CBS 42's election series. The organization also hosted an event supporting Penny Bailey on her bid for the 6th congressional seat in Alabama.

Other events included a panel discussion with the sociology club on current events, and a presentation on climate change during Samford's annual Earth Day festivities. "Since last year, we have greatly expanded our scope of activities and event participation," Bell-Ard said.

Jay Malone, a senior history major, served as political director. "This year has been more about examining the structure of the organization and figuring out a way to deliver our message in the most precise way possible," Malone said.

Malone, along with freshman psychology major Erin Corley, had in mind the primary goal of educating the Samford student population through political awareness.

Corley, serving as director of communication, said that "one challenge that I have personally faced is trying to figure out a way to get the Samford community involved and receptive to what Democrats personally strive for and how they can hear that message and still have their own beliefs. At the end of the day, SU Democrats primarily want to educate."

In the past, Samford Democrats has hosted debates with fellow students who are involved with College Republicans. Although the group is small, they hoped to build political awareness in a way that encompasses both sides of the political spectrum.

# Debate Team

The Samford Debate Team improved their already respected reputation this year. New team members and excellent coaching drove them toward national rankings and awards.

The team did well in American Debate Association rankings, coming in tenth overall in the nation and fifth in the nation for the junior varsity team.

Guiding the team were Director of Debate Ryan Galloway and assistant coach Sean Slattery. This year, Galloway received the George Ziegelmüller award acknowledging his coaching prowess and contributions to the field of communications studies.

The team appreciated his fervor. Junior debater Matt Sessions said, "He is very well respected inside the [debate] community and well known for his commitment to ensuring his teams' success, which I have been fortunate to be the benefactor of."

Slattery joined the program this year, having debated at University of Mary Washington and coached at Wake Forest

University. Natalie Bennie, a freshman debater said, "I like to think of him as my best friend on the team."

The team traveled across the country debating alternative energy. Debaters attended tournaments at Northwestern University, University of Georgia, Indiana University and University of Texas Dallas.

The team added five freshman debaters. Natalie Bennie, who came to Samford as a walk-on, received the Novice of the Year award for District 6 at the National Qualifying Tournament at Vanderbilt University.

Bennie is enthusiastic: "[Debate] has been critical to my success at Samford, let alone my happiness within the Samford community."

The freshmen infused the team with fresh, eager talent. "This year is almost a year of learning, almost transitioning, because the team is so young, and next year with all knowledge that we've gained this year we intend on competing at a much higher level with a much higher level of success," Bennie said.

The older members of the team look forward to greater victories. Sessions said, "...the new generation of Samford debate is here and getting better every day."

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This year, The American Debate Association ranked Samford's team tenth in the nation and fifth for its junior varsity team. The team has high hopes for the future.



Senior Mary Moody enjoys a view of the Colosseum in Rome while representing Samford's Model United Nations team.



## Model United Nations

The Samford Model United Nations team was a group of politically minded and articulate students interested in international diplomacy.

The team attended two model United Nations conferences. Team members spent months in preparation leading up to conferences, where each delegate represented a country in the United Nations. Delegates were assigned to a specific committee and were expected to advocate for the wishes and concerns of the country they represent.

In October 2012, the team traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Model United Nations Conference.

"For my first conference, I represented the Delegation of Libya which proved to be challenging and a great learning experience," senior team member Mary Moody said. "I thoroughly enjoyed meeting other students who are passionate about world politics and who may be important politicians and leaders in the future. Being in Washington D.C. was really exciting, too. It made me feel like I was a real policy maker with important decisions to make."

Samford's team left the conference with the Honorable Delegation award, an honor that was given to teams scoring in the top 10 percent of all delegations.

During the spring semester the team attended the Geneva International Model United Nations Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

"Geneva was a unique and wonderful experience," said Head Delegate Devon Arnold. "We always have great cultural experiences traveling abroad and meeting people from all over the world, however, Geneva set itself apart. As the first multi-lingual conference the team has competed at, there were several curve balls thrown at us. Having to deal with such broad language barriers, interpreters and translators taught us a lot about the importance of language."

"The team represented Samford well and they represented themselves well. I could not be more proud of the prep work and the performances by each of them at this conference and throughout the year," Arnold said.

As the only Americans at the Geneva conference, the team had a unique opportunity to interact with university students from around the world.

The team sought to develop young leaders skilled in public speaking, diplomacy and policy making to be better prepared to enter the field of politics and business as adults.

# SAAC

The Samford Student-Athlete Advisory Committee was comprised of representatives from each sport on campus. Led by student co-chairs George Allers and Emily Mallory as well as Communications Chair Ben Neill, the organization served as a bridge between student-athletes and the student body as well as Samford administration and faculty. Mallory, a senior business major and women's tennis team member, was involved in SAAC since her freshman year. Her sister was co chair of the organization before her. "Our goal is to improve the student body," said Mallory.

One of the highlights from the year was the production of a "lip dub" video to Outsight's "Now or Never." Planned under the guidance of Director of Athletics Martin Newton and executed by SAAC, the video involved over 300 student athletes singing and dancing throughout the Pete Hanna Center and became an overnight sensation on campus and beyond.

With cameo appearances by President Andrew Westmoreland as well as Spike the bulldog, the video depicted a lighthearted and fun view of the student athletes. One local newspaper called the video "hilarious and uproariously happy." "It was

cool to see all of us come together to make the video happen," said Mallory. The group plans to make the video an annual tradition.

SAAC also committed their time to serving the community. Various members participated in Samford Gives Back on December 3, volunteering with Christian Service Mission and Habitat for Humanity. "The staff of the Christian Service mission made numerous comments on our student-athletes' enthusiasm throughout a difficult project," said SAAC Co Advisor Michael McGreevey.

Later in the month, SAAC sponsored a Christmas party for Charles Brown Elementary, raising over \$1,300 for Charles Brown Elementary School. Group members delivered Christmas presents to all 270 children at the school, and some even dressed up as Santa and elves to take pictures with the children at the party.

Other highlights included a newcomer social for incoming student-athletes similar to Connections weekend and the annual student-athlete awards banquet.

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The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee planned this year's annual award banquet. Very much involved in student athlete life, this council comes together to increase relations with the student body.



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One of 54 cadets, Junior Dylan Lempp stands at attention during a flag-raising ceremony.



# ROTC

At oh six-hundred hours on a frigid Monday morning, when most of the campus still remained bundled in bed, Air Force ROTC Detachment 012 was wide awake, jogging across campus in their routine physical training exercise. The 54 cadets, arrayed in dress blues and led by their detachment commander Col. Brian Londry, represented Samford and Air Force ROTC at its finest: discipline, camaraderie and excellence.

To be a member of ROTC, the dedicated cadets invested countless hours in physical training, classes, leadership labs and evaluations, in order to enter into active duty in the U.S. Air Force as Second Lieutenants after college.

"I will graduate with some amazing opportunities ahead of me," said Kaley Cusumano, a sophomore nursing major. "I could do anything from working on a base hospital to being a flight nurse in a combat zone."

In addition to these responsibilities, Det. 012 went beyond the call of duty by giving over 2,000 hours of community service to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Veterans Medical Center.

Their commitment and integrity did not go unnoticed. AFROTC Det. 012 was named the Most Outstanding Unit by the Air Force Association, which distinguished them as the best detachment in the state. Among their credentials was a 100 percent pass rate on physical fitness evaluations and hands-on leadership training for all cadets.

Every Thursday at lead labs, upperclassmen instructed the younger cadets in essential Air Force procedure and protocol, which fastened a strong bond of accountability among the unit.

For Cadet Capt. Casey Ryan, this leadership experience extended far beyond the confines of the classroom. "In ROTC, I know that I am being trained to make a real difference in the world," said the junior business management major. "Joining ROTC is the best decision I have ever made."

# Black Student Union

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote positive relations between black students and the Samford student body by: Promoting an environment of inspiration for black students to excel in all aspects of campus life and community engagement, educating the student body about the history and culture of black Americans, discouraging racial insensitivity through awareness activities, supporting and defending the human and civil rights of other minorities and serving as an "umbrella" organization for all minorities on campus.



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## Samford University



The girls in SDA are nutrition-conscious and strive to help other live healthy lifestyles by eating well.

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# Student Dietetic Association

Often underappreciated but of the highest importance is what we eat, when we eat and where the food comes from. The Student Dietetic Association had your back on this pressing issue.

Their purpose was to make your life easier by promoting healthy eating, nutrition and sustainable agriculture to students, faculty and the public. The Student Dietetic Association worked closely with Samford athletics to help provide the best nutrition possible for the athletes and also worked very closely with Chef Chris Vizzina to help make finding healthy options in the cafeteria a breeze.

In October, SDA hosted a farmer's market on Ben Brown Plaza where they sold healthy, fall inspired foods. Local farmers had the chance to sell fresh produce and Chef Vizzina did a cooking demo.

"I cooked winter roasted vegetables over whole wheat penne pasta with Parmesan, chives and extra virgin olive oil, it was a huge hit," said Vizzina.

"One of the great things about the Student Dietetic Association's farmer market is that it offered a new way to look at food," says Katelyn Snow, SDA's vice president.

"I love that we get to expose a different side of 'grocery shopping' than some in the Samford community have ever experienced, at the same time, educating on the importance of eating seasonally and supporting our local farmers." Stephanie Schrimsher, SDA's treasurer, said that the farmer's market is one of her favorite activities they hold.

"This year we sold muffins, apple cider and caramel apples. We also had a fun pumpkin carving station for the students as well." Samford's Student Dietetic Association promoted all aspects of healthy living. President Virginia Strauss said "I try to promote the outdoors, cooking, farmer's markets and local farms as much as I can and I think we have done a really good job so far."

# French Club

Samford's French Club encouraged students to embrace the challenge of learning new languages and cultures. They held monthly meetings where they discussed different aspects of French and Francophone culture, language, music and cinema.

"We usually watch French movies, invite speakers to come and share about their experiences in Francophone culture, or explore French cuisine," said Rachael Sarrett, a member of the club for three years now.

French Club was also involved on occasion with the other foreign language clubs on campus and worked with Project Africa for special events as well.

"Playing board games in French Club is my favorite part because it forces us to use French quickly with

vocabulary words we do not always practice in class," said Julie Ann Wallace, the French Club's president.

When asked about her favorite experiences in French Club, Emily Brown, the public relations officer said, "I have enjoyed getting to know others who love the French language and culture and feel that my experiences with the French Club have strengthened my friendships with several of my classmates."

Samford's French Club has many exciting things planned for this year, and is a great place to expand your knowledge of all things French.

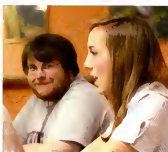
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This sight from the second level of the Eiffel Tower gives a beautiful perspective on French culture: the French have great taste.







Members of the Spanish Club enjoyed meeting regularly to practice their Spanish and encourage each other in their studies.

# Spanish Club

Samford's Spanish Club gave students an opportunity to immerse themselves in all things Hispanic. From movie nights to community service, this year's club offered many different chances for language lovers across campus to hone their speaking skills and learn about different cultures.

Junior languages and world trade major Katie Savage, president of the Spanish Club, made efforts to "do things a little differently" this year in order for students to have the best experience possible in the group. Savage planned weekly meetings of the group called "Conversaciones" as a chance to get together and hone language skills in a comfortable atmosphere.

Speaking Spanish outside the classroom gave group members practical skills. "Being able to practice in a face-to-face conversation is a much different

experience than "textbook Spanish," said Savage. One of the highlights of the year was Salsa Night in Harry's. Local dance organization Rhythm N Motion came to campus to play music and teach dance steps for students. Junior history major and Latin American Studies minor Kelli Watkins said, "I'm a big fan of salsa night! It's a great time to come hang out with friends and meet people on campus with similar interests."

The group also showed "Selena", the biography of the late Mexican-American recording artist, in Christenberry Planetarium for convocation credit. Almost 100 students attended the film. In addition to campus events, the group made a difference by reaching out to the local Hispanic community, sending out volunteers regularly to translate at Cahaba Valley Health Care.

"Knowing a second language is so important. We take communication for granted," said Savage. Watkins agreed: "With Spanish the second most popular language in the U.S., it's a great asset when it comes to jobs and Spanish Club is a great way to build those skills."

# Student Media

People said that print was dead, but for a handful of passionate, dedicated editors, print became alive through Samford's student-run publications: the *Crimson*, *Entre Naus* and *Sojourn*.

A staff of ten people ran the *Crimson*, Samford's weekly newspaper. Katie Willis, a senior journalism and mass communication major, was Editor-in-Chief.

"I have learned that no matter what you think something is going to be like, there are always going to be things thrown at you that you don't expect," Willis said.

Willis led the youngest staff the *Crimson* had ever had, with only one editor returning from the year before, but she saw it as an opportunity to learn together.

After recognizing that ten people did not understand every aspect of campus life, Willis compensated by implementing weekly meetings open to the student

body who were encouraged to attend the meetings to pitch story ideas.

"It has been a slow process," Willis said, "But each week, we have grown in numbers, so I am optimistic for the future."

From once a week to once-a-semester, Samford's literary magazine *Sojourn* saw an overwhelming response from the number of submissions.

Ali Thurwachter, a senior journalism and mass communication major, served as Editor-in-Chief. "I feel that creativity is often under-appreciated. There are so many talented photographers and writers on our campus. *Sojourn* provides the unique opportunity to...be seen by the student body," Thurwachter said.

Each publication was unique, but required similar elements: a determined staff, killer content and a passionate editor.

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The *Crimson* staff works hard every week to produce a news-worthy paper full of relatable and interesting content.





# greek life





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# Recruitment

This year, hundreds of students participated in recruitment in hopes of finding a home away from home in a Greek sorority or fraternity. At Samford, Greek organizations placed emphasis on friendship, philanthropy and campus-wide involvement.

There were five Panhellenic sororities and three fraternities on campus. During first semester, young men and women participated in formal recruitment, where they hoped to discover brothers and sisters with the same interests, goals and ambitions.

"I was looking for a good group of guys that I could relate to, who were willing to help their brothers," said Mitchell Smith, a freshman undeclared major. After pledging Sigma Nu, Mitchell emphasized the importance of his brothers relating to his struggles. As a football team member, Mitchell was glad to find "a group of athletes experiencing the same things I am—balancing classwork, social life and athletics."

Likewise, Grace Guffin, a freshman art major who participated in sorority recruitment, found an overwhelming sense of family and belonging in a sorority. As a new member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Grace said, "The love and acceptance I have experienced in Zeta has changed my freshman year for the better. Even though we are all different, we are all the same in sisterhood."

Both students recommended that every upcoming freshman go through recruitment, not only to become a member of a sorority or fraternity but also to establish relationships with upperclassmen and make friends.

Recruitment was so much more than becoming part of a Greek organization; it was where valuable friendships were discovered that helped shape students into the young men and women they were meant to be.

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"Sisters in Chi Omega enjoy the rush of Big Day in spending time with each other and getting to know new members."





The Panhellenic council can't say which sorority they are in all throughout the recruitment process. It allows girls from different sororities to hang out without restraint.

WRITER: ANNA BOYD  
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## Panhellenic Council

It was a record-breaking year for Samford's Panhellenic Council, which was made up of ten positions with representatives from each of the five chapters. The council was responsible for exciting events like Recruitment, Greek Week, new member education, socials and much more.

Regarding the chapters' accomplishments, Director of Greek Life Denny Bubrig said, "All of our chapters are doing some very good things representing themselves, Samford and their organizations."

"I am proud of the PHC's efforts during Fall Recruitment 2012," said Anna Brewer, senior marketing major. "We have increased registration by a total 15% this year, and that was made possible by a combined effort of each council member."

As Samford continued to grow, so did its sororities. The average chapter size reached close to 165, comparable in size to many state schools.

"This year we had a record number of over 320 Potential New Members come through Recruitment, which created new and exciting challenges," said Jennifer Nelson, a senior pharmacy major. From these record breaking numbers, Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council are in the beginning processes of expansion of the Greek community."



# NPHC and IFC

Greek Life was a staple to the Samford community and provided students with an opportunity to fellowship with one another and grow in their own individual strengths and abilities under Greek letters.

Samford's Interfraternity Council helped Samford's fraternities plan out their schedule of events and worked with them to keep things moving according to plan. Members of IFC were also involved with assisting new fraternities as they get started at Samford.

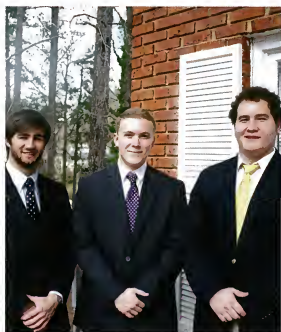
When asked about IFC's role on campus, Director of Greek Life Denny Bubrig said, "Here at Samford we are working in many ways to strengthen our fraternity community, from raising the level of expectation to raising the numbers. It would be safe to say that for the last year or so the watchword would likely be "transition" as we continue to move toward utilizing and illustrating the values the organizations aspire to and how they can be effective members of the community in doing so."

Samford's IFC worked hard to achieve the goals they set for themselves. The Interfraternity Council held biweekly meetings where they discussed what steps could be taken to make things even better on campus for Samford's fraternities.

Chris Sullivan, IFC President and a junior finance major, said, "We have a lot of exciting stuff planned for this year," said Sullivan. Some of those things included recreational events and expanding their presence on campus as well as increasing community relations.

Zach Mardis, a Junior Sports Administration major and Business minor, stated "I like working with IFC because we have a unique opportunity to make a large impact on Samford Greek Life now and in the future."

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The Interfraternity Council hosts a Cook Off in the cafeteria with Samford's Chef Vizzina.

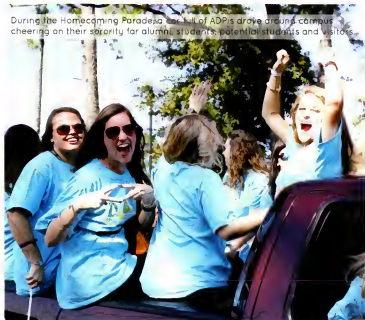


Junior Kadie Hooge takes a picture of a fellow ADPI on Big Day, donned in teal spirits and decorative headbands.



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During the Homecoming Parade, a car full of ADPIs drove around campus cheering on their sorority for alumni, students, potential students and visitors.





# Alpha Delta Pi

The members of Alpha Delta Pi worked and played hard. Through fundraisers, campus events, fun socials and community outreach, the group of girls continued a tradition built on friendship, scholarship and service.

For junior religion and journalism and mass communication major Kadi Hoose, her experience in ADPi was about friends and encouragers that harvested community and challenged each other.

"I loved being a part of a sisterhood that not only cared about what's happening inside of our house but also had a passion for the Samford community as a whole," Hoose said.

The sorority held two campus wide philanthropy events. In the fall, ADPi's annual golf tournament took place at the Oxmoor Valley Golf Course for their philanthropy, Ronald McDonald House. Several Samford students and Birmingham locals participated. The event raised over \$12,000.

The sisters also presented Runway for Ronald in February. The fashion show featured several Samford students and was a great night for community-wide celebration.

Catherine Gayle Thrash, junior political science major, was the chapter president. "Alpha Delta Pi gave me the opportunity to

establish discipline and habits that will help me in life outside of college. It served well in strengthening my professional skill set. I am immensely thankful for my sisters helping me recognize my leadership potential and their consistent encouragement," she said.

In February, ADPi participated in one of the biggest and most exciting campus events of the year, Step Sing. The theme for the show, "Lost and Found," based on the beloved musical Annie was yet another opportunity for the sisters to not only have a good time but also build a strong sisterhood.

For seniors like journalism and mass communication major Lauren Kostoff, ADPi has provided a constant community that she believed has made her a stronger individual.

"ADPi not only provided me with life long friendships, but the organization as a whole challenged me to uphold high standards in every area of my life. Whether it is academics, character or Christian womanhood, ADPi taught me to strive for the very best, which is a principle that refined me for life after ADPi and after Samford," Kostoff said.

Graduating from Samford and ADPi was bittersweet for Kostoff. "It's the quality of girls and strength of my friendships in ADPi that I will take with me forever."

# Alpha Omicron Pi

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi were still "Exceeding the Expectation." This year, their theme for Step Sing was "Where the Wild Things Are." This theme portrayed the sisters as lions, tigers and zebras. They continued their multi-year streak as the Philanthropy Award winner, raising the most money for Terranova Academy.

Throughout the year, the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi participated in many philanthropy events. Their signature events were Smoke Out Arthritis and Strike Out Arthritis. Smoke Out Arthritis allowed the entire university to get involved and enjoy a BBQ dinner in Ben Brown for a great cause. For Strike Out Arthritis, the sisters raffled off tickets for gift cards at one of Samford's baseball games and cheered on the baseball team.

Strike Out is president Amber Lockwood's favorite philanthropy. "I like that we can support a philanthropy that not many people know about, and that we can make a difference for those suffering with arthritis," said Lockwood, a junior accounting major.

Alpha Omicron Pi also participated in Relay for Life, War of the Roses and Derby Days. The sisters brought their creativity when they competed for the War of the Roses. For

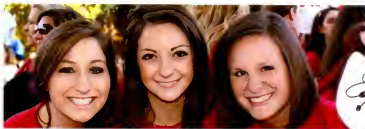
the talent show, the girls sang the Pitch Perfect rendition of "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars for the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

"Being an older member of Alpha Omicron Pi this year, I've gotten to watch our chapter grow in numbers as well as in sisterhood. I could not be more proud of the Rho Delta chapter for helping young girls develop into professional women who want to serve others," said junior biology major Amy Vu.

Another fun aspect of Alpha Omicron Pi was the mixer events, date parties and formals. They hosted a paintball mixer party with Sigma Nu. Everyone enjoyed the activity and competing with the brothers. The sisters also attended a date party at AirWalk. Everyone got to have fun, jump around and take a break from studying.

The sisters of the Rho Delta chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi are closely bonded together. "I love being a part of an organization that emphasizes love and lifelong friendships," said Lockwood. Sophomore journalism and mass communication major Rachel Burbanks said, "AOPI is truly a sisterhood, and there's no place that feels more like home to me."

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AOPi sisters spend time with each other outside of the Samford school year. The girls travel to the beach and bond during a school vacation.



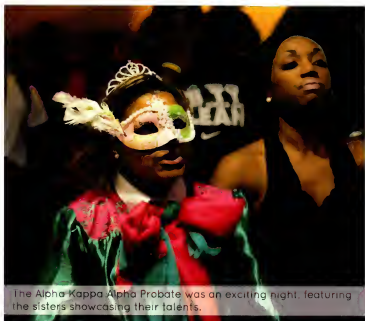


Senior Karlie Cathour and AOPi sisters experience sisterhood in another country as they study abroad in England together.





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The Alpha Kappa Alpha Probate was an exciting night, featuring the sisters showcasing their talents.



# Alpha Kappa Alpha

Led by the efforts of Ethel Hedgmon Lyle, nine visionary women began the legacy of sisterhood and service to all mankind.

AKA is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. AKA's purpose is to "cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve the social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be a service to all mankind."

# Chi Omega

Excitement and nervousness coexisted as the bid list for the 2012 pledge class was handed out. Months of hard work came down to the moment when 50 girls were invited into this unique sisterhood that made up Chi Omega. These new members were about to embark on a journey that consisted of making new friends, serving in multiple facets, deeply becoming a part of something bigger than an individual and developing a community focused on what is important.

Chi Omega had a total of 170 members consisting of members from every class at Samford. With a wide variety of ages, backgrounds, majors and passions, every member played a vital role in what made Chi Omega the holistic organization that it was. The new members were about to be given the opportunity to be part of a group of older girls who looked to pour out and invest.

"The community in Chi Omega is one of the most intentional groups I have ever been a part of," said freshman social entrepreneurship major Laura Bean. "Girls really want to get to know you and how you are doing. It feels like every girl is putting others above herself and that's what makes Chi Omega feel like home."

The women of Chi Omega were also able to grow together in service. Chi Omega served both a local and a national philanthropy. Make-A-Wish Foundation was a national philanthropy that grants wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions.

"Our annual karaoke event for Make-A-Wish is one of my favorite events," said senior journalism and mass communication major Augusta Clark. "It's always so rewarding to see my whole community team up for a great cause and still have so much fun."

The local philanthropy Chi Omega served was the YWCA. The YWCA is an organization empowering women and eliminating racism in Central Alabama. As a newer philanthropy, the YWCA had given the women of Chi Omega many chances to serve the local community as a sisterhood.

Although every fragment of Chi Omega is important, the sense of family was what made Chi Omega exceed the typical idea of a sorority.

Junior religion major Sarah Anne Elliott said, "Standing alone, the symbols 'chi' and 'omega' are just that- symbols, void of true meaning. Yet when placed next to each other, these letters become a face for the unique personality traits, passions and hearts of the women in which they represent."

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Some Chi Omega sisters enjoy a weekend of relaxation at Sisterhood Retreat.





Senior Augusta Clark hugs a Chi Omega sister on Bid Day, overcome with joyous emotion and memories of years past flooding her thoughts.





Donating supplies and gifts to soldiers, senior Ghanzel Waters encourages Ajo Masley, her Delta Sigma Theta sister, to also write an encouraging letter to those who serve us overseas.



WRITER: RACHEL STANIMACK  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: ELEANOR STENNER, JANE MARIE HUTCHESON

Supporting the Blood Drive, Delta Sigma Theta sisters station themselves outside the truck to encourage Samford students to give blood for a worthy cause.





# Delta Sigma Theta

The Sigma Eta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated the organization's 100th anniversary in 2013 with a focus of "transforming lives and impacting communities." First chartered at Samford in 1995, the chapter was dormant for several years before being reactivated in 2010. Since then, chapter members worked hard to develop a strong bond among members as well as make significant contributions to different charities.

The sorority doubled its size in fall 2012 after initiating several new members, one of whom was sophomore family studies major and music minor Melody Martinez. "Being part of this great sisterhood is something I'm so proud of," Martinez said. "I have learned to be a strong, independent, confident young lady, and I'm surrounded by other strong women." Martinez served as the chapter's chaplain.

Fall 2012 events included a flash mob in the Caf called "Dance Away Diabetes" that raised over \$600 for the American Diabetes Association. The group also collaborated with Samford's Black Student Union and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for "Summit V" to raise awareness about diseases that often affect African-American women. The group additionally participated in a Breast Cancer Walk "Go Red for Women" in February, and "Strolls for Change."

The group held a chapter dinner on January 13 to honor Delta Sigma Theta's Founder's Day. In March, the group hosted their annual "Delta Week" with events including a Talent Show, Step Tease, and care package drive for overseas troops. The different events raised funds for minority scholarships on campus including the Tiffany N. Conaway Scholarship. Conaway helped charter the sorority's chapter on campus but passed away before her initiation ceremony and was initiated posthumously in 1995.

As a smaller organization on campus, the group faced certain challenges, but in many cases was made stronger because of its size. Senior history and psychology major Jenae Steele served as 2012-2013 president as well as National Pan-Hellenic Council vice president at Samford. "We have to learn to be a lot more efficient," said Steele. "There's really no room for dead space; a lot of our members hold multiple leadership roles."

Junior journalism and mass communication major Veranico Duarte echoed Steele. "We do the work that some chapters of over 200 girls do. I'm so proud of my sorority and my sisters, and nothing I could say about this organization would ever be enough."

# Delta Xi Phi

Delta Xi Phi was a new sorority on campus, chartered in May of 2012. However, there was a group of young women on campus that had been trying to build this organization since 2010 in hopes of seeing increased support for diversity on Samford's campus.

"I came to college with no intention of joining a sorority," said Nicole Poland, freshman History major, "and I held to that until I heard about Delta Xi Phi. The sorority's values caught my attention originally, but the sense of trying to make a difference on campus is what I love about DXP. It's been an amazing experience so far, and I cannot wait to see where it goes in the future."

This Greek organization worked hard to establish the organization in the Samford community throughout the school year.

"It's been really exciting to go through the process of bringing a new sorority to Samford," said Kelsey Hall, Delta Xi Phi President and second year pharmacy

student. "There have been challenges along the way, and we have learned a lot, but we are just beginning. I hope that Delta Xi Phi will continue to grow and expand even long after I and the other founding members are gone."

The ladies of Delta Xi Phi had a busy year with their first recruitment process in the fall. They also cosponsored several events around campus including Miss Representation and the Political Awareness Seminar. The organization also spent some time supporting AOLI's "Smoke Out Arthritis."

Delta Xi Phi also spent time building sisterhood off campus. They traveled to their sister sorority at Mississippi State University and attended cultural events put on by the community. They also spent time to benefit their national philanthropy, the American Cancer Society. Delta Xi Phi's local philanthropy was YWCA. Members from Delta Xi Phi volunteered to help with after school tutoring to support this organization.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS: KELSEY HALL, SARAH VIOLET RICE



Serving their community, Delta Xi Phi sisters are a caring group, focused on embracing diversity and bettering people around them. They do this by tutoring in Birmingham and supporting their philanthropy.





Members of Delta Xi Phi excitedly pose for their first group picture as an officially established sorority that advocates diversity.





Phi Mu sisters pump up the parade with their bright pink Greek letters and cheerful spirits.



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Freshman Victoria Batson (middle) enjoys her first Star Sing experience as a farmer with her new Phi Mu family.



# Phi Mu

The Alpha Gamma chapter of the Phi Mu fraternity was one of five sororities on Samford's campus. Phi Mu was similar to every other sorority with its chapter meetings, functions and philanthropy effects, but what sets each sorority apart is their sisterhood.

Recruitment can be a step towards becoming involved on campus, however making a decision and selecting a place you feel home at can be a difficult aspect of joining a sorority.

"Joining Phi Mu was an initially exciting experience that has grown even sweeter with time as it has become my own," said Grace Mintz, freshman elementary education major.

Once a new member became initiated, the continuation of sisterhood bonding began. Phi Mu had various events throughout the year to help develop relationships with other girls within the chapter. Phi Mu visited Birmingham's Children's Miracle Network Hospital once a week and spent time with the children in The Zone. Phi Mu had other philanthropy events like the Phi Mu 5K and car wash.

This sorority spent time on service, but they also spent time on social events. Formals were a great time for sisters to get dressed up and make memories together.

Phi Mu's academic program was another part of the sorority. With an academic chair encouraging sisters each week, most of their members have been featured on the Dean's List. Ginnee Holcomb, a sophomore nursing major and Phi Mu's academic chair planned a Phi Mu Dean's List dinner that rewarded members for their hard work.

"Every year we have a dinner to support and encourage the girls in Phi Mu who made the Dean's List. This year I decided to mix things up a bit, and got the Melt grilled cheese food truck and Doodles Italian Ice to come serve their local specialty right outside the doors of the Phi Mu house. It turned out to be a huge hit," Holcomb said.

Phi Mu also celebrated sisterhood through a weeklong event called Pink Week, which included activities not only for members but for all of the Greek organizations on campus. One main highlight of the week was the Greek Gods and Goddesses ceremony, a celebration of standout members of each organization. The whole week was aimed at creating a stronger bond between sisters.

"Phi Mu has strengthened my character, faith, friendships, and given me a chance to have the best Samford experience," said Katelyn Rankin, a junior family studies major with a Spanish minor.

# Zeta Tau Alpha

The sorority of Zeta Tau Alpha was founded on sisterhood, service and love. Samford's Zeta chapter, Delta Psi, has been pursuing these principles since the chapter was established in 1965. This year, the girls were active members in many facets of Samford University, including Student Government Association, Campus Outreach and Samford athletics, in addition to members of many other clubs and organizations.

Through Zeta intramurals, socials, bible studies and sisterhood events, members like sophomore nursing major Brooke Flohr said Zeta had been one of the most influential aspects of her year.

"I love Zeta because each girl brings something new to the table," Flohr said. "Zeta has not only become a place that I call home, but these girls are truly my sisters."

Zeta's also enjoyed participating in the classic traditions of Samford, such as Homecoming and Step Sing. Zeta's homecoming float won first place. "The Help" theme for Step Sing exemplified the industrious women of World War II. With blue jumpsuits and red headbands, participants like junior history major Lydia Nace had an amazing experience being "Rosie the Riveter."

"As a history major I really enjoyed our Step Sing theme," Nace said. "It was cool to come together in sisterhood to embody

hardworking women and historic ideals that we still hold on to today."

The national philanthropy of Zeta Tau Alpha was breast cancer education and awareness. The Delta Psi chapter held events and fundraisers throughout the year to promote this philanthropy. The annual spring fundraiser was a beauty pageant where male students competed for the title of Mr. Samford. Also, by making gift baskets for women undergoing treatment for breast cancer, selling pink hair extensions in Ben Brown and attending "Think Pink" games, the sisters were working hard throughout the year to bring awareness of their philanthropy and to show how breast cancer affects not only their members, but also women in the Birmingham and Samford community.

Freshman environmental science major Macey Sims said that she enjoyed seeing how working together for a cause made her relationships with her Zeta sisters grow.

"One of my favorite parts about this year is when almost all of Zeta had a pink hair extension," Sims said. "We had so much fun with our philanthropy. Since we put so much time into it, it's a great way to build relationships. It really brings us so much closer together."

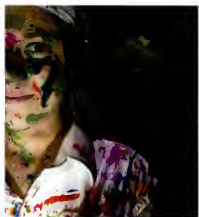
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Representing their sorority in the Homecoming Parade, the sisters enjoy walking around campus in the beautiful fall weather.









Sponsored by their fraternity, the Alpha Phi Alpha brothers celebrate the winner of Miss Black and Gold 2013.



WRITER: MEGAN BEAVERS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: ELEANOR STENNER, JANE MARIE HUTCHESON

The Alpha Phi Alpha probate is an electrifying night full of dancing, ritual and cheering.





# Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, came to Samford's campus in 2000. The mission had always been to promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for the community.

Samford's APA chapter supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and others around the world. This year APA established a relationship with Restoration Academy in Fairfield. This partnership helped the Restoration Academy with different projects and activities.

The work of the Tau Iota chapter also included being recognized at Greek Awards for campus involvement and leadership. This year members were in many diverse leadership areas that included SGA President, SGA Senators, President of Samford Democrats and Greek Man of the Year

This campus involvement displayed the leadership quality that was evident in the work of the brothers of the APA chapter. The Tau Iota chapter was appreciative of the work it was able to accomplish as well as the support from the Samford campus.

# Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity now comprised of functioning undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country, is the crystallization of a dream. It is the beautiful realization of a vision shared commonly by the late revered founders Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Lewis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin and George W. Edmonds. It was the vision of these astute men that enabled them in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin.

It is a fact of which Kappa Alpha Psi is justly proud that the constitution has never contained any clause that either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership merely because of his color, creed or national origin. The constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic fraternity. Chartered and incorporated originally under the laws of the State of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911, the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi on a resolution offered and adopted at the Grand Chapter in December 1914. This change became effective April 15, 1915, on a proclamation by the then- Grand Polemarch Elder Watson Diggs. Thus, the name acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol, and Kappa Alpha Psi thereby became a Greek-letter fraternity in every sense of the designation. From its inception, and for the next six years,

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Brother Diggs served as the grand polemarch of Koppo Alpha Psi. Through his leadership and indefatigable application, augmented by the efforts of B. K. Armstrong and John M. Lee, who comprised the remainder of the original grand board of directors, the infant fraternity was guided through the most perilous years of its life. Every endeavor has been directed toward establishing the fraternity upon a strong foundation before embarking on plans of expansion. By the end of the first year, working together, Diggs and Armstrong had completed the ritual and had commenced work on the coat of arms. Work on the latter was completed during the following summer by Diggs, Armstrong and Lee while they were pursuing employment at a hotel in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In selecting a suitable motto, Diggs, Armstrong and Lee solicited the aid of a professor of Greek art at Indiana Technical College at Fort Wayne, Ind. The Sigma Phi chapter, Omicron Alpha, was founded during the 1990s.





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During the Christmas season, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi enjoy decorating their fraternity's house for Samford to see.



Setting up camp and a tailgate on the quad, Pi Kappa Phi brothers entertain students, alumni and visitors during football season.



# Pi Kappa Phi

For the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, fraternity meant much more than parties and a table in the Caf. Instead, fraternity was a place for community and lifelong brotherhood.

Daniel Denning, a junior management major, said he first joined Pi Kappa Phi because of the unique community he saw in the fraternity.

"Pi Kapp stood out to me immediately because it was a group of guys that didn't seem to fit a mold," Denning said. "We don't all have to dress the same or think the same in order to be friends."

For Clay Hubbard, a sophomore management and entrepreneurship major, Pi Kappa Phi also provided him with a sense of community that has helped him grow as an individual during his time in college.

"It has given me a community in which I have been stretched and in which I have grown like never before," said Hubbard. "The guys that I am surrounded with in Pi Kapp are constantly trying to shape and refine me into a better man."

This sense of community grows each year in February as the men of Pi Kappa Phi prepare for Step Sing.

"My favorite time of year as a brother of Pi Kappa Phi is during Step Sing," said Hubbard. "During the weeks leading up to Step Sing, it is great to be able to get together with the whole chapter daily, and we have a blast."

Infamous Pi Kappa Phi brother Randall E. Buck orchestrated this year's Step Sing performance. The Step Sing performance, which featured the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi portraying the lives of high school nerds, was awarded the coveted Sweepstakes trophy for the best Step Sing performance.

Brooks Hanrahan, a freshman business major, said his experiences as a new brother were enhanced through the practices and performances that were a part of Step Sing.

"The rehearsals were long and it was exhausting, but it was a heck of a time," said Hanrahan. "It really brought the fraternity together and gave us younger guys an opportunity to be in community with the older guys."

As an upcoming senior, Denning said he knew the relationships he would build during his time as a student will extend far past graduation. "I have men who push me to do better as well as who genuinely care about being an integral part of my life," said Denning. "I know that these friendships will continue well after school."

# Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi was a fraternity that was ever striving for greatness.

"The most appealing part of Sigma Chi to me was the growth I experienced with my brothers. Sigma Chi offered me unique opportunities through friendship, justice and learning that would not have been possible without the support of these guys," said William Teer, a junior political science major and the president of Sigma Chi. "In particular, I have learned valuable lessons in leadership that I would not have found in any other part of campus."

"Sigma Chi has offered me challenging but extremely rewarding leadership opportunities that are unlike any other positions on campus. One of the greatest things Sigma Chi has taught me, and this can be applied in general life, is that you don't have to be on exec to be a leader," Teer said. "Some of our best ideas, events and new traditions have not come from our executive

committee but rather from brothers not on Exec who had an idea and the drive to bring their visions to life."

Sigma Chi participated in several large, annual events. One favorite event campus-wide was Derby Days. The event is "a huge tradition for our international fraternity," Teer said. "I just loved seeing all the participation from the sororities to benefit our philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network. We raised more money than last year and were really pumped to open up the last night to the entire campus as we celebrated with the popular band The Dirty Guv'nahs for a charity concert on the Intramural Fields."

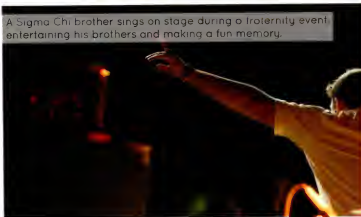
Tailgates were also popular among the brothers. "It was so great to see almost the entire brotherhood come out and support the football team and Samford itself," Alex Snow, a junior accounting major, said. Snow served as the fraternity's Social Chair. "It is rare that we are able to get so many brothers together in one place, and I think the tailgates did a great job of that. I enjoyed being able to see the greater Samford community come together on Saturdays out on the quad."

Considering their work for their heart-warming philanthropy and devoted members, it is easy to see what made the brothers of Sigma Chi special on Samford's campus.

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A Sigma Chi brother sings on stage during a fraternity event, entertaining his brothers and making a fun memory.

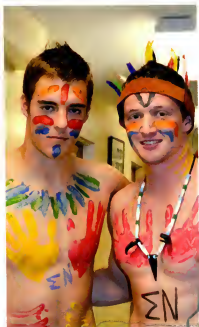






Sigma Chi brothers serve at Samford Gives Back.



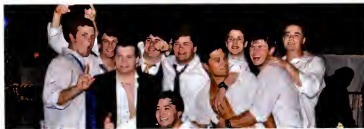


At a flag football game, Sigma Nu brothers play Phi Kappa Phi and represent their fraternity.



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PHOTOGRAPHERS: ANNA PALMER, SARAH VIOLET BICE





# Sigma Nu

For Sigma Nu, this year was reinvigorating. With solid leadership and bold ideas about how to make a lasting impact on campus, the fraternity focused on cultivating brotherhood.

Before the fall semester, members repainted rooms, rebuilt furniture and restained the deck. Vice President Josh Tolman said, "Making improvements to the house as a group gave us a little more appreciation for what we have."

That sense of appreciation grew when the fraternity was able to display their letters on the house again. Sanford removed Sigma Nu's letters following the infamous Christmas lights incident in late 2010. "Our house is filled and all of our sanctions are fulfilled," Commander Michael O'Neal said. "We have nothing left hanging over our heads." Tolman spoke for his brothers in saying, "The symbol of having our letters back has really been an inexpressible relief around the house."

A reversal from recent years, Sigma Nu did not host spring recruitment. O'Neal mentioned that this year's fall recruitment class of 20 was comparatively big for the

group. Tolman was pleased with the new recruits. On spring recruitment, Tolman said, "Rush can really put unnecessary stress on an organization."

In terms of events, the group had their annual White Trash Bash in the fall. The group also threw a "Sexy Joggers and Rugged Loggers" themed party after the football game against Appalachian State.

The group hosted Swole for Soldiers, a new event benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. Tolman said, "Guys in our fraternity had spoken with contestants who they were going to 'sponsor' or donate a certain set amount of money for every pushup that a contestant could do." Prizes were awarded to the organization that did the most push-ups, the male and female winners, and the overall individual winner. The group earned over \$5,000 for Wounded Warrior Project.

The group's star intramural basketball team, "White Boys Can't Jump," won the tournament for the second year in a row. The fraternity also won the flag football tournament. O'Neal said he hoped that Sigma Nu's "Dirty Dozen" softball team would bring home the Triple Crown for the group.

While there may have been no hope for Sigma Nu competing in Step Sing anytime soon, it remained a strong member of Sanford's community. Sigma Nu's Historian Matt Sessions summed things up: "I can't wait to see how the fraternity continues to thrive...We still have the same roots: getting swole, Dale Earnhardt and USA."

# athletics





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# Football

The Samford Bulldogs finished the 2012 season with a record of 7-4 and tied for fourth place in the Southern Conference. They started the season with a strong 5-0 start and at one point were ranked in No. 25 in the nation according to the coaches poll.

"I think they had a real will to win this year," Athletic Director Marlin Newton said. "There were some close games they could have quit on, the Wofford game is a great example. They could have quit on that game, but they just had a will to win and never gave up."

The team was led by its class of seniors who gave the team everything they had and helped build a tradition of winning. In any sport, veteran leadership is a vital part of success, and the Bulldogs had plenty of mentors to look to.

"They had a senior class that just laid an unbelievable foundation," Newton said. "They didn't achieve the goal they wanted to of making the

playoffs, but they laid a foundation for the future here, and those young men that come here four years ago or five years ago and are leaving have a lot to be proud of."

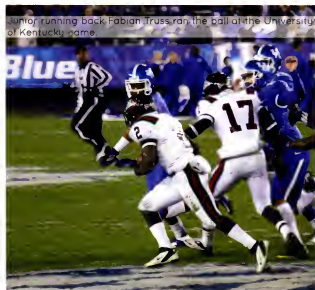
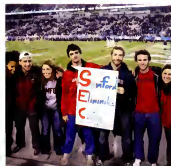
In addition to a talented and mature senior class, the Bulldogs benefited from the leadership of Head Coach Pat Sullivan. "Coach Sullivan and his staff have done a tremendous job since they've been here," Newton said.

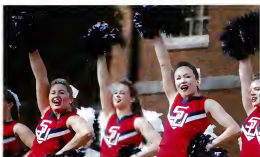
Success such as this motivated students to go to games and raise support for the team all over the campus. "Students came to games--they were loud; they stood up, they stayed for games. I could not have been more pleased," Newton said.

Finally, Newton was pleased with the legacy that the players of this year's team, particularly the seniors, had left behind. He said, "when they look back on their career 15-20 years from now, they have a lot to be proud of."

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WRITER: NATALIE WALTERS  
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# Cheerleading

The Samford cheerleading team grew from 11 to 20 members in the past year, nearly doubling in size as well as in talent. With big hearts, strong bodies and iron wills, they were all American cheerleaders through and through.

"Even with 20 people, 19 of them being girls, they all get along really well," said Coach Lauren Hughston, "and they work really well as a team. Everyone is pushing each other to continue to improve and get better."

However, this noticeable improvement did not come easily. The girls practiced five days a week, starting with a 6 a.m. workouts, which they admitted is the hardest part. Yet, even so, sophomore early education major Emily Kelley said, "To go through it together--that's its own kind of bonding."

A Samford cheerleader herself from 2004 to 2008, Coach Hughston loves that the cheerleaders see themselves as a family as well as a team. "I can help them get tumbling skills or new pyramids," said Hughston, "but ultimately, I want to help them develop into adults and help them with their lives and their Christian walk."

The girls definitely stepped up their game, and the only things they asked the crowd for were "involvement and participation," "which we've definitely seen an improvement in," added Kelley. But whether or not students chose to rise up, the cheerleaders continued to take pride in their job as the school sideline leaders.



# Bulldog Dancers

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Among the most beloved traditions at the University of Florida is the annual Bulldog Dance, a spirited performance of the school's spirit and traditions.

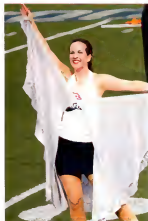
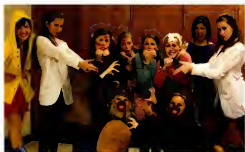
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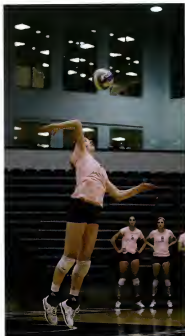
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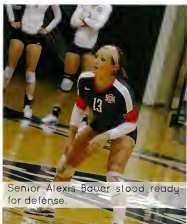
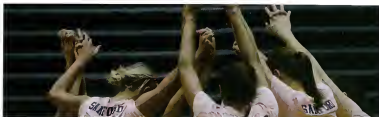


Players Selina Schirmer, Taylor Chao, Michaela Reesor and Lauren Hutchinson rallied together in a huddle to get pumped up for a match.



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Senior Alexis Bauer stood ready for defense.

# Volleyball

For many teams, winning a North Division Title and advancing to the semifinals of the SoCon tournament would mark a great season, but the Samford volleyball team, questing for a second-straight conference title, went home disappointed after a 3-1 loss to College of Charleston.

The Bulldogs finished 23-9 overall with a 14-2 conference mark, a step back from their 29-5 overall record in 2011, but an improvement from the 13-3 record in SoCon play. In its fifth year since switching to the SoCon from the OVC, Samford recorded its third 20-win season.

Leading the way for Samford were six talented seniors. Alicia Roth, Casey Garvey, Elizabeth Neisler, Erika DeVaughn, Lauren Hutchinson and Lexi Bauer formed the core of the two-time division champions and were key in head coach Derek Schroeder reaching his 50th SoCon win this year in four and a half seasons.

Expectations were high for this experienced team, which also featured all-conference members like sophomore journalism and mass communication major Michaela Reesor and junior exercise science major Katie Murphy.

Samford started defense of its 2011 title with two tournaments against big-name schools such as Rutgers and Duke. The Bulldogs' first home win, a sweep over North Alabama, sparked a 13-1 run that led right into the thick of Samford's SoCon season. The Bulldogs dropped two out of their next three games before ending the season with seven straight wins.

In the conference tournament, Samford swept host Davidson before falling 3-1 to eventual SoCon champion Charleston in the semifinal round.

"The season had its ups and downs," said Reesor. "The end was definitely disappointing, because Charleston basically became our rivals during the season."

Falling short was tough for this year's volleyball team. Their loss in the 2012 tournament will only spark a renewed determination for 2013.

# Women's Soccer

"After winning the SoCon Championship last year, there were a lot of expectations going on this season." There were some great moments, but we wish we would've gotten more out of the season," Head Coach Tony Yellon said.

The team finished with an 11-7-2 overall record. They played teams from Texas A&M, Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky and UAB. This year's conference wins were over Georgia Southern (2-1), Davidson (2-0), Wofford (3-1), Western Carolina (3-1), Citadel (2-0), the College of Charleston (1-0), Elon (2-1) and Chattanooga (3-0).

One of the highlights of the season was the team's 3-1 defeat over Kentucky to win the 2012 Courtney by Marriott Louisville Airport Cardinal Classic. Winning this tournament required "going in and being better than the biggies and the SEC," Yellon said. "This win was a turning point for all the players," senior English major Adrienne Mancino added.

"Knowing that we could beat a team like that, we

had a lot of faith that we could beat the schools in our conference," said Mancino.

"There were a lot of returners and we had good chemistry," Mancino said. "We knew we would keep getting better as the season progressed."

The team had won all their conference games until they tied Furman (2-2). The team then suffered a loss by University of North Carolina at Greensboro (0-1), but still made their way into the first round of the SoCon Tournament after winning the majority of the conference games. In the first round, the team played the College of Charleston. Samford was beat 1-2, taking them out of the 2012 SoCon Tournament and ending the season. "We were working so hard and it wasn't showing on the field," Mancino said.

Although the season did not go as expected, it was still a good run for women's soccer. There was definitely hope that the team could go all the way and win another SoCon Championship the following year.

WRITER: ABBY COLELLA  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: CASEY CAPPA, DAVID HEADOWS



Freshman Missou Hansen ran the ball down the field during one of her first games as a member of the team.





The basketball team show their skills to the cafeteria, seeing how many slam dunks they can make. The team impresses fellow Samford students and gains support.



WRITER: CLAYTON HURDLE  
PHOTOGRAPHER: TATE HOLCOMBE



Samford students came dressed out and painted up for basketball games to witness the beginning of a new era with Bennie Seltzer as coach.





# Men's Basketball

When he took the job as Samford's men's basketball head coach, Bernie Seltzer spoke about dreams of conference and even national championships.

While the team did not reach championship caliber this year, the Bulldogs showed signs of the greatness that Seltzer promised. Samford fought to an 11-21 overall record, with a formidable 9-9 mark against Southern Conference teams. The Bulldogs, picked to finish last in the SoCon preseason poll, ended up in fifth place out of 12 teams in conference play.

There was not a single senior on this year's squad, with sophomores and freshmen getting the majority of playing time. This year served as a successful learning season for the team.

The foundation began last year. Undeclared majors Rayjon Kelly and Connor Miller joined the team in 2011; as sophomores, they were among the team's leaders in 2012-13.

Seltzer's first recruiting class contained five freshmen who would help bring the transition into a more fast-tempo style of basketball. Of the five, three (engineering physics major Tim Williams and undeclared majors Clide Gelfrad, Jr. and Russell Wilson) earned significant playing time.

Williams and Gelfrad joined Kelly and Miller as part of the starting Samford lineup, and the young team began to grow together. Two other players split starts for Samford this year. Redshirt sophomore exercise science major Tyler Hood and junior pre-business major Will Cook provided experience and leadership for the Bulldogs.

At season's end Williams earned SoCon Freshman of the Year honors. Gelfrad and Williams both made the all-freshman team and Kelly earned second team all-conference honors.

Wilson, a guard from Lake Wales, Fla. played in all 32 games, providing a spark off the bench that often led to momentum shifts in the Bulldogs' favor.

An example, and one of Samford's signature games of the season, was at home against Western Carolina. The game was a fight for first place in the SoCon's North Division in January. Trailing 49-44 five minutes into the second half, Wilson came into the game from the bench. By the time he sat back out, he had recorded three rebounds, two points and a steal as Samford put up a 9-0 run to gain the lead.

The Bulldogs never trailed from that point on, and held the division lead for three more games.

Samford suffered several setbacks, including a four-game losing streak in the heart of conference play, but still wound up with the fifth seed overall in the 2013 SoCon tournament.

The 12th-seeded Furman Paladins proved to be too much for the Bulldogs; for the third straight year, Furman ousted Samford from the tournament in the first round.

The tournament-opening loss will now be used as a lesson in handling defeat for the growing Samford men's basketball team, and the Bulldogs hope it will just be a stepping stone to future greatness.

# Women's Basketball

Coming off back-to-back conference championships, the stakes were high this year for the Bulldogs. The 2012 SoCon Championship was an unexpected victory for the team, and Coach Mike Morris was committed to preparing this team to play their best basketball through the end of the season.

That doesn't mean the season wasn't laden with obstacles. A building season, without doubt, the team graduated three starting guards and added five freshmen to the roster. With only two seniors, the team had to rely on some of its younger players to step up and become leaders.

This season had no shortage of injuries either. "It was definitely a growing year because after the injuries and sicknesses, we had many of the freshmen playing, which got them amazing experience as freshmen. I believe that will help us next year," junior guard Shelby Campbell said. Sophomore Taylor Reece shared a similar sentiment, "Our team grew in a pretty unique way this season because we were put in a difficult situation. Watching our friends and teammates go through illness and injuries is a really hard thing to do, and we really had to lean on each other in order to win."

Despite the difficulties, the team did pull through and play some great basketball. In a close game against Appalachian State, senior Jazmine Martin sunk a three-pointer with three tenths of a second left in the game to lead the team to a 63-60 victory. Two days later, Martin was named to the All-SoCon Team.

The Bulldogs had a challenging schedule with match ups against ACC, SEC and PAC 12 teams. Morris looked forward to the experience gained by playing these Division I teams early in the season. The team saw its first match-up against neighboring Auburn University this season. The Bulldogs also put up a strong fight in a back-and-forth battle against Oregon, ultimately losing by 11 points.

Despite the season's outcome, the team felt the supported by the Samford community. "Having a community that supports you is always a big deal. It is good to look in the stands and have people cheering for you; it keeps the motivation going when there is a close game," Campbell said. "We appreciate the Samford community and what they do for us."

WRITER: LAUREN TAYLOR  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: CATTIE STEVENS, TATE HOLCOMBE



Coach maps out the game plan for the expectant Bulldogs.





Sophomore Taylor Reece wears pink in support of breast cancer awareness and leads her team to playing harder and better throughout the season.





In full swing, the Sanford baseball team has a strong offense, even with lots of new players this year.



WRITER THOMAS JENKINS  
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The great American tradition of baseball still begins every game with the national anthem.



# Baseball

After an exceptionally strong 2012 season, the Samford Bulldogs baseball team was back for more with a strong 2013 team that has overcome many challenges to compete at a high level of play.

Injuries plagued the Bulldogs this season, as well as tough competition from conference rivals. However, despite these setbacks, the team remained strong and a force to be reckoned with in the Southern Conference.

The Bulldogs were led by a strong offense, ranking in the top five in home runs hit and in the top 15 in runs scored at various times throughout the year. The Bulldogs made good use of offensive talent, winning several games by large margins and scoring in the double digits several times throughout the year.

Head Coach Casey Dunn was pleased by the offensive output. "We have been a pretty productive offensive team this year," Dunn said.

The Bulldogs were hurt by injuries and lack of experience this year. "We were riddled with minor setbacks and injuries all year, missing a projected starter all season and several key returners for parts of the year," Coach Dunn said. "We lost nine players last season that signed with a professional club, plus three others that were major contributors to our team."

A lack of experienced players was especially problematic for the team. "The biggest area of improvement has to come on the mound. We had a few guys performing at a high level but were waiting on others to get it going," Dunn said. "There were some young guys that are coming along, but we needed more."

Despite all of the setbacks they faced this year, the Bulldogs still fielded a talented team that compares well to other teams in a talented Southern Conference.

# Softball

Injuries did not hold these girls back as they fought through the season. With the SoCon tournament on the horizon, the team set the goal of doing the best they have ever done.

"Our goal this year is to have a better season than the last. I think we can learn from our past mistakes and turn this program around," Madeline Baker, a senior English major, said.

With wins against the University of North Carolina Greensboro and Western Carolina, the team paved the way for the SoCon tournament in May.

"Our team faced some adversity with three big injuries, but everyone rose to the challenge," Baker said. "Our team really pulled together."

The team also had to deal with the setback of losing their field for a period of the season. With the construction of the J.T. Haywood Field House, renovations were made on the softball field. With games scheduled

throughout the year, there was no convenient time for construction.

"I am extremely proud of our team because we have fought some difficult struggles with injuries, and we did not have our own field for the majority of the season, which really puts a damper on our hectic schedule," freshman Hannah Taylor said.

"However, I am so proud of the girls for overcoming these obstacles and keeping positive mindsets while pushing through. We have faced things that most of our opponents are lucky to avoid."

But with the obstacles aside, Taylor said she couldn't have chosen a better group of teammates.

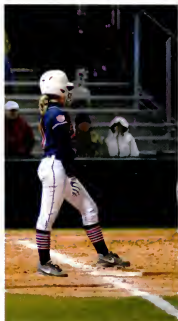
"We are a unique team in that we all truly enjoy being together. We are all great friends, and that adds to our team chemistry on and off the field," Taylor said.

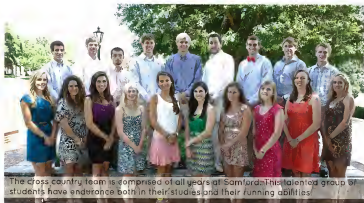
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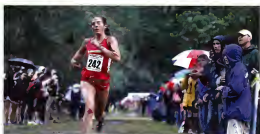


Boasting their eyes on a new softball field as they practice throughout the year, the Bulldogs make it their aim to play better than they ever have.





The cross country team is comprised of all years at Samford. This talented group of students have endurance both in their studies and their running abilities.



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# Cross Country

2012 was an historic year for Samford's cross country program. Senior nutrition and dietetics major Lauren D'Alessio reached the NCAA national women's tournament and the men's team competed as a full squad for the first time in several years. The season started with the Crimson Tide Cross Country Kickoff in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Freshman exercise science major Frances Bernard placed in the top 10 in her first collegiate race, a 3K.

Freshmen undeclared majors Brandon Hazouri and Luke Weshhaar finished in fourth and sixth place, respectively, in the men's 6K. The two become forces to be reckoned with throughout the season for the Bulldogs.

"It's been a mix on who the top guy is from race to race," Weshhaar said. "We've had a good season and the competition has really been helpful in our improvement."

The Bulldogs returned to Tuscaloosa for the Crimson Classic on Oct. 13. D'Alessio was the top overall finisher in the 5K and Roberts placed third in the women's race.

Next up was the SoCon cross country championship on Oct. 27. Samford's women finished third as D'Alessio took home top individual honors for the second straight race in the 5K.

She finished 22 seconds ahead of Roberts, who placed second and became the highest-finishing freshman in the championship since 2009. "Conference was really awesome," said Roberts on her success. "I got a personal record which made it great."

Weshhaar, Hazouri and undeclared major Adam Jones were all named to the conference men's all-freshman team after the race.

In the NCAA regional meet in Tallahassee, Fla., D'Alessio continued to impress. She finished 14th out of 205 runners in the 6K, helping the women's team reach eighth place out of 29 teams. Because of her success in the regional meet, D'Alessio earned an at-large bid to participate in the national championship meet in Louisville, Ky. "I had a goal in mind this year and I really wanted to make it to nationals," D'Alessio said. "I put my mind to it and it paid off in the end."

Both cross country teams laid a foundation this year that they can only improve upon in the coming years.

"We had a much better season than last year and we're moving in the right direction," head coach Lori Strand said.

# Track

This year was the fifth year that Head Coach Rod Titlin led the Samford Bulldogs, but the first time the team has been entirely under his recruiting. Four years of ongoing hard work brought the team to a new level of athleticism and competition in the Southern Conference.

Titlin's coaching staff put in hard work for the program all year. Their commitment to the program and the athletes strive to compete and win as a team produced a numerous amount of accomplishments this season. Many Samford records were broken as well as athletes taking home individual titles at the conference meets.

On the men's side, the Bulldogs fought tough indoors and even tougher outdoors to bring home a conference title. Both championships ended in second place.

Sophomore Bob Elliot II broke the indoor record in triple jump while senior Tyler Kemp broke the high jump record. Thrower Sidney Jordan broke the shot put record in indoors as well as the discus record in the outdoor season. For sprints, junior Jonathan Bush reset the indoor record in the 400, and came in third in the same event at the outdoor championships.

Samford has always shown dominance in the men's multi events, placing in the first six spots indoors,

while sophomore Cody Russell became the outdoor champion in the event.

On the women's side, senior Chanelle Terry had an identical experience in the women's high jump, finishing her career as indoor and outdoor champ. The women's team also had a chance of an indoor title, but fell short, coming in third indoors and fifth outdoors.

Junior Ashley Cope served as a significant player all season long. In indoor, she took second in the pentathlon and broke the Samford record. In outdoor, her "Female Athlete of the Meet" Award was well-deserved for her first place finishes in pole vault and the 100-meter hurdles. Cope went on to defend her conference champion title in the heptathlon for the third time.

Sophomore thrower Katelyn Poole, broke and set her own record several times in the shot put. Standout freshman Rachel Roberts put down a speedy new record in the 5000 meters indoors. Junior Lauren D'Alessio triple-crowned at the indoor meet, winning not only the 1500, but the 5000 and 3000 meter runs. D'Alessio's incredible season earned her "SoCon Athlete of the Meet" indoors and "Female Athlete of the Year" by Samford Athletics.

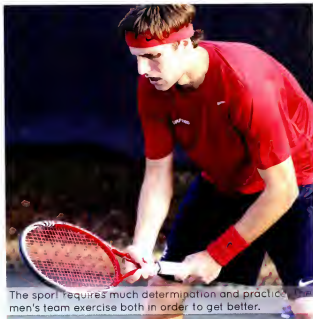
Though the team felt frustrating heartbreak of the conference meets and will also say goodbye to ten graduating seniors, this season has fueled a fire in the heart of the bulldogs. Next year will see a young, talented team that will be making impressive moves in the Southern Conference and in Samford history.

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The women on the track team form a very close bond as they practice and compete for countless hours together.

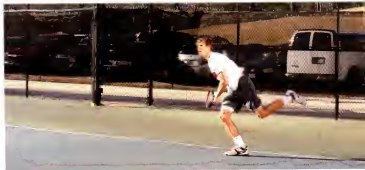




The sport requires much determination and practice. The men's team exercise both in order to get better.



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# Men's Tennis

Samford's men's tennis claimed several notable accomplishments during 2013. They made school history by winning the SEC A-1 and then SEC nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITC) the SoCon Championship and the first year.

"It is right at we enter every season with the goal to win the SoCon Regular Season title the SoCon Championship," said Coach Rahim Edou. This season the team accomplished that goal.

The brilliance of this season is owed to a number of factors, but can largely be attributed to the team's dedication and hard work both on and off the court.

"Rahim was a great coach and he helped me get a lot of senior shots. Medic the major Zac Dunkle said, "We accomplished a lot of great things this year looking back on it and even when we went through a period where half the team was injured including myself," said Dunkle. "We still managed to persevere and believe that we would be able to win the SoCon tournament when the time came."

"I'm proud at the way the team came together the last few days before the SoCon tournament. I told my guys how much I wanted to win my senior year and they backed me up the whole way. Everyone wanted to win so badly and we just felt

like no matter what the situation, we were going to win," Dunkle said.

This determination earned Zac Dunkle and Cameron Deluc the national ranking of 34 as a doubles team during the 2013 season.

Fares Kilani, a freshman business major, stated that he tried to take something away from every game no matter if it's a win or loss. "I'm getting better every day and improving my game," said Kilani.

2013 was a year of many firsts for Samford men's tennis. Sophomore communication studies major Austin Akers said, "I am extremely proud that not only did we beat Alabama for the first time in school history and we won conference, but we contributed in both of those matches by winning a point in singles," he said, "As we move on, we start working on defending our title."

Freshman undeclared major Henry Moore said that he is proud not only of the fact that the team won the SoCon Championship, but also the way that they won it. "We have the smallest team in the conference but we have the biggest heart's when it comes to fighting, and I wouldn't want any other team."

Taking into account the exemplary skill the men's tennis team shows on the courts, their personal appeal and their general trust and cooperation with one another, it is clear what made these men champions.

# Women's Tennis

The 2011-2012 women's tennis team said goodbye to almost half its team as they left the 2012 season behind, leaving Mallory Maffei as the last step up to fill their places.

Leading 2012 coach David Kelly, the team played a total of 20 games in the regular season and nine games in the South Region conference play. However, a major setback occurred in a 2-0 overall record, which is the team's greatest setback.

The team was 1-1 going into the conference. A major setback occurred when Maffei lost the women's match with 15-7 and 6-0 and 1-2 in the conference play. The team's struggles in the conference play were a major setback.

Leading the team's success this season was the pair of sophomore duo Lauren and Kristina Carli. Kristina, who scored a total of 15-7 in the South Region conference play, and Kristina were the pair of Emily Maffei and Kristina Carli. The team's overall record of 2-0 was a result of which were the team's matches.

Another player on the team, Kristina Carli, was named one of the Southern Conference's women's players of the week after her flawless performance in a match against Jacksonville State and Troy.

The Bulldogs were pushed through many bumps and bruises during the season including a list of injuries. These

unexpected challenges did not bring off the team's ability to initiate some extreme team bonding.

The team comes from a variety of countries around the world. Freshman Lauren Caballero says, "We have had to learn to stick together and know to look for the positives in what hard work will bring in the future." Junior Emily Maffei is the oldest on the team and says it has been a great experience to take a leadership role. Maffei believes having a great presence has made them a stronger team.

From learning to adjust to cultural differences and even language barriers, Maffei said, "The differences require that we are all very intentional with each other if we want to build strong relationships. There is also a great level of respect that we have for each other, as we have come from all different places and backgrounds. I would bet that the kinds of conversations we have often sound much different from other teams on campus, but they provide us with an international understanding of people that is exceptional."

Adri Lochner introduced a strong tradition in the team huddle this season by praying in Afrikaans, her native language, before games.

The season may have not panned out as the girls desired, but the difficulties have better prepared the team for the upcoming year. The girls will have a leg up on competition by seeing all nine members returning to the court to turn up the heat.

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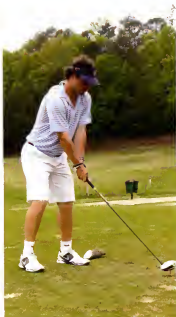




The hard-working team functions well together even though some are from different cultures and countries.



Hitting the range, the men's team warm up before starting off on the course for regular practice.



WRITER: CHRIS DAVIS  
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# Golf

The men's golf team faced a season of growth. The men achieved a win at Western Carolina during the fall season.

William Cotanzaro, a junior sports medicine major, said, "golf is an up and down sport. Sometimes you play well, and sometimes you don't play so well."

Golf also has a lot of rules that make winning a tournament challenging. "In college golf, we have five people playing, but out of those five people four scores count," Cotanzaro said.

Despite the record, the season allowed the team to learn important lessons. "We learned how each of us need to get better individually with our scores, and we can look back on each tournament and see where we made mistakes and learn not to make them again in future tournaments," Cotanzaro said.

Making new friends was Cotanzaro's favorite part about being on the team. "When I was a freshman coming in, I instantly became friends with all my

teammates. "The friendships that I made will remain for the rest of my life, and that is the most important thing to me about playing golf," Cotanzaro said.

The team gets along with one another very well and overcomes disagreements. "My team is just like a family. We all have a connection, but at times we have disagreements. I like the way our team is. We have each other's backs and nothing is too big that we cannot handle together," men's golf Head Coach Woodie Eubanks said.

The men's golf team is continuing to strive to improve their skills. "I have one of the best teams I have ever had, but that means nothing on paper. We have to work hard everyday and strive to get better, and in the end if we are successful we can be proud of it then," Eubanks said.

The women's team also had a great season. Unfortunately, no pictures were available of the team after the yearbook staff's tireless work.

# SAMSPYS Awards

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the athletic department developed and organized an awards ceremony for athletes known as the SAMSPYS.

In its fifth year, the event had a variety of special features to give Samford athletes the royal treatment. Students dressed up for the occasion, walked the red carpet and took photos with the SAMSPYS backdrop.

"It's not just coaches standing up there and lecturing about their players," sophomore journalism and mass communication major Ally Reece said. There were video clips and montages of funny jokes and moments from throughout the season that were included in the evening's program.

Teams sat together and were served a meal to enjoy through the night. The SAMSPYS were a time for student athletes to join together with other scholarship athletes and reminiscing on past athletic experiences with fellow teammates.

"This event gave Samford student-athletes the opportunity to be recognized for their many achievements, both in and out of the classroom. The SAMSPYS were also a great way for the athletes to come together with their teammates and families and celebrate all that they have accomplished, and they also celebrated and honored the careers of

each graduating senior," George Allers, a fifth-year senior accounting major, said.

Various categories of awards were given, ranging from "Best Blooper" to "Breakthrough Athlete of the Year." "Best Finish" nominee Alvin Hines, fifth-year senior sport administration major said, "Winning the award would mean so much not to just me but my team. We trained countless hours to learn how to finish games, and that is exactly what happened that day. It was a total team effort. So this award would go to them also."

One highlighted award was the Mr. Bulldog Award. "The award goes to the most well-rounded student-athlete with a GPA of a 3.0 or above," said Michelle Durban, Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance.

George Allers, a Mr. Bulldog nominee said, "Winning an award would most definitely be an honor. I owe so much to this university for all that it has done for me over the past four years, and it would be a great testament to the great experience I've had as a Samford student-athlete."

Winners throughout the event receive a glass bulldog trophy commemorating their achievements to hold onto long after graduation.

WRITER: MADISON MILES  
PHOTOGRAPHER: DIANNA SATO



Hosted by the SAAC, SAMSPYS is a time of great fun for teammates and athletes alike.



The men's track team huddle together to celebrate a great season and be rewarded for their hard work.



# SoCon Awards

In a 2012-13 season marked by consistent performances throughout Samford's athletics program, it should come as no surprise that the Southern Conference recognized the Bulldogs' efforts.

The men's tennis team won its second conference title in two years, while the volleyball team finished first in the North Division. Football and men's basketball became competitive in conference play for the first time since Samford's inaugural year in the SoCon. Fifty-three players from 12 Samford teams earned honors within the SoCon in 2012-13. Twenty-eight of the 53 earned all-conference distinction.

The football team was one of the most decorated Bulldog squads this year. Jaquiski Tartt, Ryan Dutschack, Nick Williams and Cameron Yaw were all named to the all-SoCon first team.

Tartt, a sophomore geography major, had a breakout season playing safety for the Bulldogs. He earned weekly honors twice in the football season, was named September's Defensive Player of the Month and garnered All-American status at year's end. "I'm very grateful for my awards, but I also want to thank my coaches and teammates," Tartt said. "As a team, we accomplished much more than my individual awards." Seniors Dutschack, Williams and Yaw ended their Samford careers with style, helping lead the Bulldogs to their best record in almost a decade at 7-4.

In addition to the first-teamers, three members of Samford's football team earned second-team status, three were named to the all-freshman team and head coach Pat Sullivan added co-coach of the Year honors to his extensive football resume. Samford's runners performed strongly on the conference stage, as well. Seven Bulldogs claimed individual SoCon championships in outdoor track and held events, while five earned indoor titles.

Senior exercise science major Ryan Cook and undeclared freshman premed/bio major Steven Bashien won both indoor and outdoor titles in the pole vault and long jump, respectively.

Decorated senior nutrition and dietetics major Lauren D'Alessio had arguably the best season for Samford's track and cross country program. D'Alessio ran in the NCAA cross country championships as the top individual runner in the SoCon. She was named Most Outstanding Track Athlete during the indoor championships, winning three long-distance titles.

"There is nothing more rewarding than experiencing your hard work and dedication to something pay off," she said. "I have experienced just that in my journey in athletics at Samford." Head coach Rod Tiffin received Coach of the Year honors as well for leading the track team to such success in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. Freshman engineering physics major Tim Williams received high praise from the SoCon. The Bulldogs' basketball star from Chicago was named to the All-SoCon third team and earned the title of Freshman of the Year.

Senior sports medicine major Zac Dunkle, though on the opposite end of his career from Williams, also starred in 2013. Dunkle earned tennis tournament MVP honors when he clinched Samford's 4-3 championship win over Elon. "Being the last match and clinching the win for my team, as a senior in the SoCon tournament was definitely the best moment of my college tennis career," said Dunkle.

Dunkle, Williams, D'Alessio and the rest of the Bulldogs honored individually by the SoCon took pride in representing Samford with every shot, touchdown and serve. We thank those who performed at the highest standard to close out their Samford careers and anticipate the return of those that will continue to represent this school with pride.

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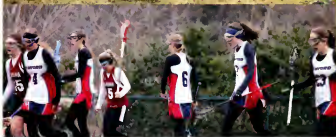
These athletes earned high honors for their persistence and dedication to their sport this year.



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# Disc Golf

Disc Golf is an organization consisting of players who share a common interest in Frisbee golf. Tom Monroe, the current Disc Golf instructor staffed by Samford, leads the in preparation for the National Championships at Augusta, Ga.

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Trekking through the woods, the disc golf team enjoys taking in the nature around them while playing a recreational sport they all love.

# Ultimate Frisbee

The Men's Club Ultimate Frisbee team, known by the team name "Dogma," had a quiet 2012-13 year. In past years the team has visited numerous tournaments around the Southeast.

This year, however, the team only played in one tournament, the Crow Call Fall Classic hosted by Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. Ten teams from around the Southeast competed in this tournament Nov. 3-4.

Pool play started on Saturday morning with Dogma getting off to a slow start and losing their first game to Tennessee Technological Institute. However, the team rebounded, winning the next three games against Middle Tennessee State, Lipscomb University and the Lipscomb University Alumni team.

Sunday morning proved to be a repeat of the previous day's start, with Dogma going down to their long-standing rival, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dogma would finish the tournament strongly with a dominant win

over Western Kentucky University in the fifth place game, with a final tournament record of 4 wins and 2 losses.

Even though the team only played one tournament this year, it was still an active time for the Samford men's team and for the frisbee community at Samford. The team hosts "Frisbee Fridays" every Friday afternoon, with an open invitation to anyone on campus to come play, regardless of skill level or experience.

The team also regularly practiced on Sunday afternoons, developing each player's technical abilities and knowledge of the game. For team captains, seniors Justin Thigpen and Steven Burgess, the season was the last for them in a long history of frisbee success at Samford.

Perhaps the year could best be summed up in the words of sophomore Jake Mills, who said, "the Frisbee team has been the best thing I've done at Samford and probably in my life."

WRITER: DAVID MEADOWS  
PHOTOGRAPHER: TIM FOOTE





Suphormore Kogler says laughs so hard that she finds it hard to throw the frisbee. The frisbee team played football together.



# Women's Lacrosse

You saw them on the quad on Wednesday afternoons- students running around passing and catching a small rubber ball with the netted end of a strange-looking stick. Was this Quidditch? Perhaps a field hockey intramural practice? No, much better- this was the Women's Club Lacrosse Team, and it was a seriously competitive business.

In the South, lacrosse was slow to gain traction as a popular sport, but women's LAX consistently beat this trend as one of Samford's fastest growing club sports. As a member of the Southern Women's Lacrosse League, the team competed against schools such as Georgia Tech, University of Alabama, Auburn, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Their season consisted of nine games beginning in February, but the team began practices and scrimmages in early November to build synergy and gain a competitive edge. Under LAX president Laura Huffman, the team gained traction with new equipment and fresh new faces on the field.

The Samford lacrosse team also began to foster a relationship with another upstart lacrosse team in Birmingham, the UAB women's lacrosse team. Both groups collaborated to put on a lacrosse exhibition for Native American Heritage month to promote awareness of the sport's rich heritage and teach basic fundamentals to participants. "It was great to show support for UAB," said Samford LAX's head coach Kate Chamberlain, a student in the fifth-year masters of education program. "We hope to continue a great relationship with them as they build their teams."

For the members of Samford Lacrosse, being a part of the team was more than just attending games and practices: it meant belonging to a close-knit sisterhood. "Our team is very community-based," said Kate. "We strive to be a group that hangs out together, that depends on each other and most of all has a great time traveling and playing the game. Lacrosse really has something to offer to everyone."

WRITER- DANIEL FOX  
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Sophomore Karen Wert braces the cold as the women's team faces Alabama.



As the lacrosse team expands, they reach out to other teams such as men and women's lacrosse at UAB, playing with them on UAB's quad. The teams are encouraged by each other's passion for the sport.



After playing lacrosse for a long time, sophomore Sarah Goergen enjoys getting to play for Samford.

# Men's Soccer

The club men's soccer team had a record season in fall 2012 with the most wins, most goals scored and its first ever appearance at the National Tournament in program history.

With 24 players on the roster, the team took the southeast by storm, winning with a 8-5-1 record against schools such as Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Memphis and Birmingham Southern.

Second-year captain Steele Wright said, "This season was different than in years past as we really wanted to add a truly competitive atmosphere to the team." He attributes much of the success to the team's new coach, Dr. Darin White.

The business professor stepped into the role of coach this season and Wright said it was huge for the program to have someone who has coached at a very high level for a number of years be there for the team week in and week out.

The members of the team all recognized that they wanted to be competitive with other schools that are much

larger and traditionally have much more prestigious club programs, and just having Coach White there was the first step to achieving that goal, Wright said. The team's successes have attracted some of the best players on campus.

The team plays four to five home games per season and is a part of a league called the Southeast Collegiate Soccer Alliance, which is part of the national club league NIRSA.

"I am most excited about the direction the team is going in the future," Wright said. "As I'm graduating I won't actively play a part in the team anymore, but I hope to come back in a number of years and see the fruits of our labor."

Wright said, "This year really was about building the program from the bottom up, and, with the help of SGA funding, Coach White and every player understanding what we wanted to accomplish, we were able to lay a solid foundation for the future."

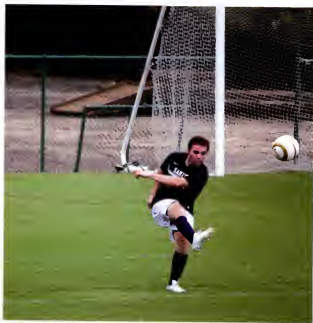
WRITER: KATY FLINN  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: SCOTTE LENNING, TIM FOOTE



Playing Mississippi State and other colleges alike, the Samford club soccer team is able to compete against universities at the same high level.



Full of dedicated players, the men's team attracts some of the best at Sanford. The men enjoy having an outlet to play soccer that is both fun and competitive.



# Crew Team

For the members of Sanford's 2012-2013 Crew team, Crew was more than just a sport; it was a lifestyle. One of the oldest collegiate sports in the nation and one of Sanford's most recent additions to club sports, membership in the team was a significant commitment that presented both mental and physical challenges to its members.

Sanford Crew competed in 6K races in the fall and 2K sprints in the spring. They raced in locations including Chattanooga, Tenn. and Huntsville, Ala., and in Oak Ridge, Tenn. at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association's Championship Regatta. Sixteen states and over 35 different clubs and universities were represented at the Championship. The team divided into novice girls, novice boys, varsity girls and varsity boys for races and each group took home first place in several events.

For many members of the crew team, teamwork on the water translated to strong relationships off the water. When freshman math education major Emily Ann Domike joined the team, she had no idea how much potential the sport offered for growth, friendships and leadership opportunities.

"There's a strong sense of accountability during a race: if one person messes up, it unsettles the whole boat," Domike said. "When you get exhausted, you have to look at your teammate ahead of you and just keep going."

Domike said one of her favorite parts of Crew was the sense of camaraderie developed among teammates.

"I never would have met my teammates in other circumstances," she said. "We represent a variety of Greek organizations, groups, clubs, ages and majors, but we all come together because we love crew."

Senior elementary education major Courtney Sheerin held a variety of leadership positions on the team including secretary-treasurer and vice president of administration. Sheerin said her favorite part of the team was the relationships built among members.

"We're definitely very close. We spend a lot of time together both on the water and off the water, and we take pride in competing and doing our best as a group."

WRITER: RACHEL STANBACK  
PHOTOGRAPHER: NATALIE WILKINSON



Courtney Sheerin encourages and directs the men's team as they compete.

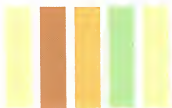




The women's team ploughs hard through the water at a competition. Bending must happen so the team understands each other when they compete.



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# University Ministries

It's not an event; it's a process. Talking to student leaders of University Ministries, it was a phrase that kept reappearing. Meg Newsome, a senior history major, said the phrase quickly became their mission statement for the year.

"You come to an event and that's one thing," Newsome said. "But the community that you build is the process you are invited into."

This community was easily accessible on Tuesday nights in Reid Chapel during Shiloh. Student sang, prayed and worshipped together. But these weekly worship services were only the tip of the iceberg.

UM leaders took worship to the next level, offering plenty of opportunities for students to invest in issues like social justice, community involvement and spiritual formation.

UM President Katelyn Wilbanks, a senior management and social entrepreneurship major explained that all these elements come together to create this process.

"It's not just a service you go to, sing and hear a message. It's connected to things like social justice efforts, global mission involvement, the community in Birmingham and serving freshmen," Wilbanks said.

Wilbanks said the college ministry was so important to her because it was deeply connected to the Samford community and campus life.

Led by the four campus ministers, Matt Kerlin, April Robinson, Brian and Renee Pitts, UM offered student involvement in eight categories each coordinated by a student leader: community involvement, worship, global involvement, media and arts, FreshMin, spiritual formation, social justice and communications.

"Our goal as a council is to get students involved in all aspects," Wilbanks said. "We are always looking for ways to have more student get involved, making them feel like they have a key role in what's going on."

Sophomore family studies major Nicole Smith said she couldn't imagine her college experience without UM.

"As a freshman, these were the first people to meet me, get to know me and pour into me. The way I got involved was deciding I wasn't just going to participate but also serve."

WRITER: SARAH WALLER  
PHOTOGRAPHER: LEXIE ALLISON HILL



Praying together before an intramural game accurately depicts the mission of University Ministries—to live for the Lord in every moment of life.

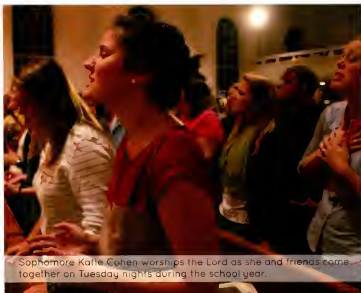


Senior Meredith Cox leads the line of smiles while relaxing at the annual Breathe Retreat after a hectic Step Sing weekend.





WRITER: KATHLEEN SHARP  
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Sophomore Katie Cohen worships the Lord as she and friends come together on Tuesday nights during the school year.



Seniors Tim Foote and Lauren Barry lead passionate worship with a band that is always trying out new ways to worship the Lord. The excellence of the musicians each week draws students to the throne of God.



# Shiloh

Located in Reid Chapel on Tuesdays, Shiloh was a campus ministry where students worship in community with one another.

Shiloh sought to provide a relaxing, close-knit group. Lindsey Cochran, a junior psychology major and member of Shiloh's prayer committee hoped that "Shiloh refreshed students each week and gave them a sense of community."

Camille Honts, a freshman religion major, said she "was initially drawn by the idea of community and having a place to worship during the week. Being a freshman, [she] was really looking to find a group of people that [she] could get to know right off the bat, and Shiloh offered that."

Shiloh was unique in that it provided a place not only to worship through music, but also worship through other creative talents such as art, dance and drama. Often students performed with their God-given gifts, and each week a student painted during Shiloh as an act of worship.

Ali Thurwachter, a senior journalism and mass communication major, said her favorite part of Shiloh was its "use of an artist during worship. It showed [her] that painting can be an act of worship in itself, creating something like God creates in us."

Each week Shiloh also prayed for a specific nation around the world. It gave Nicole Smith, a sophomore family studies major, the opportunity to share her "love for the nations and for writing by writing the prayers of the nations."

Shiloh always ended with communion. It even offered gluten free bread in order to cater to everyone in the community. Communion was Nicole Smith's favorite part of Shiloh because "it's just so beautiful and such a solid picture of what communion is supposed to look like to [her]."

First semester, Shiloh's theme was Genesis. Katelyn Wilbanks, a senior management with social entrepreneurship major, said a moment she will not ever forget was the very first song of the semester, where noise became a coherent beat, demonstrating "the movement from chaos to cosmos in creation." Subsequently, Shiloh's theme second semester was Revelation, bringing everything full circle.

As Katelyn Wilbanks put it, "nothing about Shiloh is unintentional" and students can "find a true community at Shiloh and an honest and open space for worship." For students wanting this sense of community, Shiloh is an excellent place to go.

# Reformed United Fellowship

The new campus minister of R.U.F. enjoyed his first semester with Samford students. "Through this process, I've tried to take a posture of learning, to learn from students about what it feels like to be in different majors and also about the problems they face on a day-to-day basis," said Matthew Terrell.

An important priority for Terrell was establishing friendships with Samford students. "A big part of my job was listening to students and figuring out how to apply God's word in their lives. If I did not listen first, I would not be able to do that," said Terrell.

R.U.F. not only had a new campus minister, but a new worship leader as well. "Our goal as a worship team wasn't to draw attention to ourselves. It was to point the congregation to Christ and prepare their hearts for the sermon," said Caleb Blow, a junior history major.

The worship team chose songs meticulously before performing at R.U.F. "We tried to get songs that have biblical content and are Christ-centered, as well as musically efficient and lyrical," said Blow.

R.U.F. had events throughout the year for all Samford students, not just R.U.F. members. "Early on in the semester we did a big ice cream social right here on Ben Brown plaza and later we had a pancake party at my house," said Terrell.

R.U.F. held a service in Reid Chapel every week. "Our main activity was Monday night large group bible study, which is a time for all to worship and hear God's word preached," said Terrell.

Blow enjoyed the time he invested into the R.U.F. ministry. "I've committed to this campus ministry because I love R.U.F, the fellowship, the community and the people," said Blow.

WRITER: CHRIS DAVIS  
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Sophomore Audrey Ward enjoys relaxing on the RUF Fall Retreat, an escape from school and a refreshing time with the Lord and fellow believers.



Set in the unique Harry's Coffeehouse, numerous students gather on Tuesday nights to worship, meet in small groups and listen to Biblical teaching.



WRITER: MADISON HAYES  
PHOTOGRAPHER: JESSICA HENNING



Sophomore Grant Petty welcomes his friend at the beginning of Campus Outreach. The ministry is a place where friends grow together.



# Campus Outreach

Every Wednesday night Harry's Coffeehouse was rearranged, lights were dimmed and groups of people entered through the double doors for Campus Outreach. Students came together for fellowship, worship and the hearing of the Word.

"I really like the worship. I feel like I can worship there. You are just surrounded by a body of believers," said Rachel Ray, sophomore classics major. "The teaching is really solid and grounded in scripture. And I feel like the truth is preached in a grace-centered, un-condemning way."

Leaders presented announcements and a personal testimony. Students heard from one of their peers about their faith and events that have affected their relationship with Christ. After that, worship began and the Word was taught.

As a student ministry, Campus Outreach's goal was to build and multiply Christ-like leaders on college campuses to spread the Gospel all over the world. Campus Outreach is located all across

the globe, including Thailand and Australia. Although Campus Outreach has weekly gatherings, a major event connected to the organization is Summer Beach Project. Summer Beach Project is a ten week experience in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Students obtain jobs and their goal during the weeks is to share the gospel with the people they work with.

"One of the reasons I decided to do it was to learn how to share the gospel in the work place," said Whitt Thompson, a junior finance major.

Summer Beach Project included small groups throughout the program and various socials and events to involve all of the campuses represented. Testimonies of participants revealed God's work throughout their summer and the positive impact that Summer Beach Project had on their lives.

# R.A.N.S.O.M

R.A.N.S.O.M., or Radical Athlete and Student Oasis Ministry, is a unique college ministry that sought to bring the Gospel to all students on campus, athletes and non-athletes alike. R.A.N.S.O.M. began as a small Bible study group for football players that was led by a former defensive back of the football team. Through the years, it expanded in size and attracted students from all across campus, not just those from the university's sports teams.

"A few things set R.A.N.S.O.M. apart from other campus ministries," said junior sports administration major Ben Neill. "We were student-led and, in comparison with other campus ministries, fairly unorganized. We felt that because of these two things, R.A.N.S.O.M. was very real. There was no mold anyone has to fit into. You could just come as you are and worship and learn like the rest of us."

R.A.N.S.O.M.'s weekly services were similar to others. The service included a time of worship, prayer and message from the Bible. But its

worship service covered all genres of music, from contemporary Christian to Gospel and Christian rap. "Our goal was to cater to everyone's background and learn that worship is primarily about who the songs are about, not about anyone's style preference," said Neill.

The theme verse of the ministry is John 15:13, which reads "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Jeremy Towns, a senior education major, said that it's the sacrificial love of Christ that propels the ministry of R.A.N.S.O.M. forward.

"Simply put, Jesus laid down his life for us, and as believers we try to show our friends this same love by doing whatever it takes to communicate this love to them," said Towns.

For many, R.A.N.S.O.M. was a place of true worship and community that brought together students from different backgrounds to experience the love of Christ.

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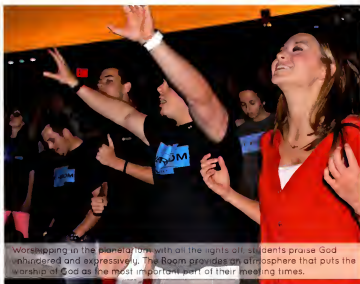


Senior Jeremy Towns preaches for the group at a regular RANSOM meeting. He encourages them to share the gospel and be passionate about their faith.





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Worshipping in the planetarium with all the lights off, students praise God unhindered and expressively. The Room provides an atmosphere that puts the worship of God as the most important part of their meeting times.





# The Room

The Room was Samford's newest student ministry on campus. Started in September 2012 by friends Zach Barnett, Carson Barnett, Jake Wilks and Josh Kimberlin, The Room met in the Planetarium every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m.

It was founded to bring a sense of fellowship and friendship to campus and to provide a fun and relaxed environment for students to worship God and have a good time doing it. The success of the program has proven true when all the seats are full when 8:00 rolls around.

"We started out with a small group of people and it's been growing steadily ever since then," said Jake Wilks, a freshman Business major.

The Room is a great place to meet new friends and build relationships with fellow students. "We try to make it fun with some good fellowship and time to get to know each other afterwards," said Zach Barnett, a sophomore sports administration major.

"Usually we have a funny video that we show and then transition into worship time and play worship music for about 15 minutes before we hear from a guest speaker."

The Room also hosted special events throughout the semester that include "White Out" nights where guests

are encouraged to wear all white and the Planetarium was equipped with black lighting.

Members of The Room also passed out doughnuts and coffee the morning of February 28th to let people see who is involved with their ministry and invite more people to join them.

The Room was all about growing in fellowship with one another and reaching out to God and praising Him.

"The Room is a place for everybody," said Josh Kimberlin, a sophomore business major. "No matter what kind of walk with God you have or if you just want to hang out, it's a great place to be."

The Room strived to be involved on campus and to make sure everyone felt welcome to come join them and make friends.

The Planetarium brought a very cool aspect to the traditional worship experience. George Atchley provided access to the Planetarium and is essential to things running smoothly.

"We couldn't do it without him" said sophomore business major Carson Barnett, "We're really thankful for him".

# Young Life

For thousands of students across the United States, YoungLife College was the best night of the week, and that applied to Samford students as well. Every Tuesday night, students went to YoungLife College for a night of faith, fellowship and fun.

Evenings started out with time for students to hang out and grow closer together. This time provided students opportunities to catch up with friends and meet new ones. The atmosphere was relaxed and the leaders were as much a part of YoungLife College as non-leaders.

Garrett Greer, a freshman pre-business major, said, "YoungLife has helped me grow in my faith

through individuals who were willing to share their lives with me." After fellowship, they came together for exciting games, ranging from ice breakers to milkshake chugging contests. Once a winner was declared, students entered into a time of worship.

YoungLife College extended beyond Tuesday nights. Small groups are held throughout the week. They give students opportunities to delve deeper into the Word with a close-knit group of friends. Lindy Cooper, a sophomore education major, said, "YoungLife has helped to hold me accountable, because if I am not being poured into, I cannot pour out to others."

WRITER: ALY HATHCOCK  
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Young Life leaders love coming up with silly games to play with middle and high school students. Who doesn't love to play crazy games? Young Life is a safe place for students to be themselves.



Beeson Divinity School student Clayton Hornback and senior Meredith Cox lead worship for UCF. Worshipping the Lord through song is a piece of heaven in a corporate gathering.



# University Christian Fellowship

Finding a community of believers to get plugged into during college is a challenge that every student faces at one point or another. Students can spend months or even years visiting churches and campus ministries before finding the place where they belong.

UCF meets every Sunday and Wednesday in a house owned by Mountain Brook Community Church. While Sanford students make up a large part of the group, there are also students from both UAB and Southeastern Bible College.

As soon as Sally Snider visited University Christian Fellowship, she knew she was home. Snider, a senior business major, got involved with UCF during her freshman year.

"It's very much been an anchor," Snider says. "Some of my best friends have evolved from this group, and at the same time my learning and growth as a Christian has just been so electrified going to UCF because they don't tell you what to think there."

It is this openness that drew junior philosophy and religion major Jay Cumberland to UCF as a freshman.

Everybody has questions," Cumberland says. "UCF is a free place where you can ask those questions and you can live those struggles with other people."

While Snider and Cumberland feel the freedom to wrestle with tough questions at UCF, they also say their time at UCF has prepared them for life after college by teaching them how to look at the world and the word.

Leah Clements, senior religion major, says she appreciates that UCF leaders understand the transitional time of life that college students are in.

"They understand where we are coming from and know that we aren't going to be [at UCF] forever," Clements says. "They are preparing us to be Christians in the world when we leave this place."

Leaders encourage students to engage in discussion about topics ranging from the silly to the serious as they learn what it means to be a follower of Christ and what it means to be part of a church.

The best part, Clements says, is that students don't have to walk through their struggles and triumphs alone.

"I have experienced everything at UCF from fits of laughter to deep sadness," she says. "And I feel free and open to experience those things with those people. To know that they are in it with me."

# Catholic Student Association

Samford's Catholic Student Association is in a building phase. Established in 2009, the group now boasts 30 active members who attend monthly meetings and regularly scheduled on campus mass services.

Victoria Rogers, a junior nursing major and vice president of CSA, said that this year's numbers are a large increase from last year. "There are about 200 self-identified catholic students on campus who receive our emails. We hope to reach more of them as we continue to grow," Rogers said.

One way the group has expanded this year is by the addition of a freshman coordinator position. CSA President Juliann Kowalski said that the freshman coordinator position helps the new students ease into a faith community.

"The freshmen know each other, so when we get into a larger group, they feel more comfortable and at home," Kowalski, a senior biology major, said. Freshmen members make up about a third of the CSA's regular attendees.

With this new growth, the Catholic Student Association has big plans to impact campus life. They are currently working on a new website, to be unveiled soon. CSA's webmaster, Sean Altendorf, a first-year pharmacy student, says the new website will feature the same aesthetics as the redesigned Samford

homepage, as well as a multitude of other helpful features. "We want to put a calendar of events, useful links and some multi-media aspects on the website," Altendorf said.

The group is also planning on hosting a concert in the spring to raise funds for pro-life organizations. "We're hoping to get our name out in a big way through this concert, which will be open to the whole student body, as well as people in the Birmingham area," Rogers said.

Spreading the word about the CSA is the biggest task for the group. Meetings and events are open to all students, regardless of faith background.

"We're happy to listen to different opinions and discuss things. That's what college is all about—learning different perspectives," Kowalski said.

The group hopes to bring more understanding about Catholicism to Samford as it grows. "We can't be afraid to reach out. That goes for everyone," Rogers said.

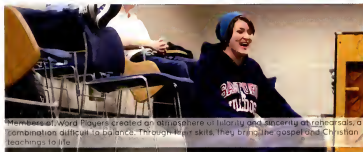
With freshman involvement, increased campus presence and a willingness to interact, the Catholic Student Association is here to stay and primed for even more growth.

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WRITER: ZACH BROWN



Senior Jeremy Moore, along with band members and other worship leaders, leads worship at a multi-denominational gathering organized by CSA.





Members of Word Players created an atmosphere of fun and sincerity at rehearsals, a combination difficult to balance. Through their skills, they bring the gospel and Christian teachings to life.

# Word Players

From comedic improvisation games to serious script reading members of Word Players use their love for theater to spread Christian ideals.

Word Players exists as an organization for students who enjoy acting to express themselves. It also provides a welcoming atmosphere for students who want to learn or just have fun. At its weekly meetings this year, Word Players regularly played improvisation games, which always ensured plenty of laughter. According to Jackie Lang, a senior journalism and mass communication major and president of Word Players, "We like to start each practice with a game called Branching Off. It allows us to get our creative juices flowing by acting out random scenarios." Certain weeks also included script reading of various short plays or scenes that presented one or more aspects of Christianity.

When asked to describe Word Players in one word, Chase Trautwein, a senior history major, said "spontaneous."

My favorite part of Word Players is the spur-of-the-moment improvisation," he said. "It's a lot of fun to see a memorable

moment come out of nowhere." Christina Witt, a freshman bachelor of science in music major, said, "Word Players initially drew me in because it gives me the liberty to express myself through acting in a way that glorifies the name of God."

Not only did Word Players meet regularly to work together but its members also used their talents to share Christian views both on and off campus. "The purpose of Word Players is to present Christian messages using both humor and drama that an audience can relate to," Trautwein explained.

Throughout the year, they were available for churches in the area that wanted them to perform. Since Word Players is a part of University Ministries, the group also performed on campus for Shiloh and convocation multiple times. Word Players is a fantastic outlet for people who have a passion for theater and want to use it for ministry.

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# Band and Color Guard

The marching band and color guard have long been a loved and valued tradition, as well as one that dates back to the days of Howard College. Fans of football who have attended college and high school football games think of a half time marching band and color guard as a necessity, and these essential elements were present in full force at Samford's football games this year.

"The college marching band supports the school's athletic teams and mission," said Director of Bands Dr. Jim Smisek. "The band entertains during half time and plays motivational music during the game."

"The way I see it, the marching band is pretty similar to the football team," said Meredith Cox, a senior religion major. "We wear the same colors, play on the same field. And while the team is there getting the crowd going with their excellent plays, we just provide the ultimate soundtrack for the event."

The band and the color guard performed in an

enthraling style this football season and always appeared to come from a genuine love for the activity, as well as a love for the university itself.

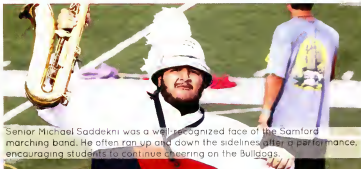
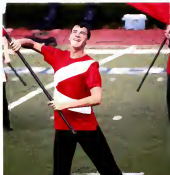
"The students must have fun in our band, and the audience must see that in our performances," Smisek said, shedding light on what the motivation behind the marching band was.

"I am in the marching band because of the community," said Cox. "The band is just such a great mix of people, from all different classes, who just enjoy having fun and making music together."

Marching band at Samford has been a tradition for many years now and is one that will be continue to be loved and appreciated for years to come.

"The students of our band are focused on God and they strive to please Him!" Smisek said. "They are eager to worship through their performances in our band program."

WRITER: THOMAS JENKINS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: TATE HOLCOMBE, JIM FORTTE



Senior Michael Saddekni was a well recognized face of the Samford marching band. He often ran up and down the sidelines after a performance, encouraging students to continue cheering on the Bulldogs.





The band was as enthusiastic at the Homecoming Parade as it was at every game this season. Members chanted, smiled and played for the scores of people lining the sidewalks, watching the student's parade through campus.





After singing for 100 year old Golda Koski, wife of the choir's second director, the choir marvels at the opportunities they get to participate in A Cappella history. Many alumni hold fond memories of the choir and come back for concerts.



WRITER: MADISON MILES AND ELEANOR STENNER  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: CATRIN WILLIAMS, DAVID MEADOWS, ELEANOR STENNER



Performing at their spring concert, senior Thomas Espy sings with emotion as his time in the A Cappella Choir comes to a close.



# A Cappella Choir

The A Cappella Choir, founded on campus in 1939, is made up of a highly dedicated group of students passionate about sharing musical experiences. The choir is well known for its on-campus and Birmingham centered performances, but also for their travels.

"My favorite place we've sung at was in the competition space last year in France," said Cara Thomas, a junior music education major. "On the last day, we all knew what we were singing for and what was at stake so we sang the best we have ever sung. The sense of community and friendship was overwhelming."

This group, led by conductor Philip Copeland, rehearses four times a week for 300 minutes to be at the same standard as other world-renowned choirs. "The choir usually has about a month of preparation between each performance," said Russell Blackburn, junior music education major.

A Cappella means "in the chapel," which is the basis of the choir's monthly Vespers services. The services feature different speakers and offer a chance to worship and be blessed by sacred music.

The A Cappella Choir spends a lot of time together throughout the semester between practicing and performances, forming special relationships along the way. They affectionately describe A Cappella as "more than a choir," providing memories that last a lifetime.

"Being a part of A Cappella Choir makes me part of a community of people who truly care about me. I've met some of my best friends through A Cappella and I am continuing to grow closer with others in the choir who I do not know as well," said Jacyln Rushing, a freshman vocal performance major.

The purpose of the A Cappella Choir is bigger than just singing. "Singing along side people you know and care about is incredibly different from singing with people who you only know on a surface level," said Rushing. "It provides accountability, encouragement and a shared experience that gives a deeper meaning to each of the pieces that we perform."

The choir will travel to Europe again next year and their CD will be released in the fall of 2013.

# Samford Ministries Choir

The Samford Ministries Choir rejoiced in the Lord through song, worship and praise. But more than just singing, its focus was on fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ and striving to spur one another on in their relationship with God.

When asked how her walk with the Lord had been affected, freshman nursing major Abbie Shimer stated, "It has helped me be in a community where the primary focus is glorifying God through our voice and our time together in fellowship and service."

While the choir loved to perform, they also remembered that their first priority was ministry. President of the choir and senior elementary education major Alison Cotey recalled a time when they sang at a church in Georgia that was without a music minister. "We ended up leading the congregation in a time of worship!" said Cotey.

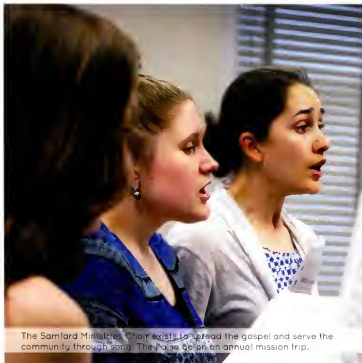
One way the choir ministered to the Samford community was by singing Christmas carols to celebrate the season at the annual Lighting of the Way. After the carols were sung, the decorative lights were lit around campus. The Lighting of the Way was one of the most anticipated events for students and faculty alike.

"I absolutely love Christmas and along with that Christmas carols celebrating Christ's birth," Shimer said, "What better way than to share that with everyone else on campus!"

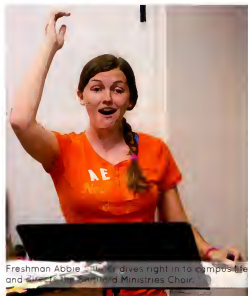
Cotey said, "One of the most important things choir does is provide a welcoming place for anybody. We are all learning how to better use our voices to glorify the Lord!"

WRITER: SOUVANA SAYA  
PHOTOGRAPHER: ELEANOR STENNER





The Samford Ministries Choir exists to spread the gospel and serve the community through song. They also go on an annual mission trip.



Freshman Abbie Wheeler dives right in to compose and direct the Samford Ministries Choir.



# Gospel Choir

With several performances drawing large crowds on campus, the Samford University Gospel Choir had a very successful year.

The Gospel Choir has stayed busy by performing at many different campus worship services. "We performed at convocation, RANSOM, Campus Wide Worship, as well as hosted a fall and spring concert," said Julie Garden, a sophomore nursing major and vice president of the Gospel Choir.

Members felt that a strength of the organization is its ability to bring together people from many different backgrounds. Melanie Phippen, sophomore athletic training major and president of Gospel Choir, said that, "We want to make the campus aware that there are different ways of worshipping the Lord and that any person, regardless of their ethnicity, can join the Gospel Choir."

Students such as Phippen and Garden said that they participate in Gospel Choir because the ministry allows them to glorify God through song and help others do the

same. "It is another way for people to enjoy praising God and witness how we praise God," said Garden.

Phippen points out that Samford benefits by having the Gospel Choir perform because of its unique style. "Gospel Choir has contributed to campus by giving it more diversity."

But behind all of the performances held by the Gospel Choir are many hours of hard work and practice. Phippen noted that before every practice she learned all the notes to their songs so that she could teach each member their part. Furthermore, participants were given a practice CD in order to rehearse their songs between meetings.

All in all, the main focus of the Gospel Choir is to make sure the "student body knows that the Gospel Choir is open to anyone who wants to join," said Phippen. With open hearts and beautiful voices, the Gospel Choir welcomes all students who want to sing and worship with them.

WRITERS: CHRIS DAVIS AND MARY MOODY  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: ELEANOR STENNER, JANE MARIE HUTCHESON



The Gospel Choir is a valuable asset to Samford. Singing for students, they create an environment of worship.





Freshman Michael Taylor sings next to senior Tim Foote in preparation for a concert.



# University Chorale

Samford University Chorale has been very busy this past season. Directed by Dr. Sharon Lawhon, the ensemble is composed of both male and female students from all grades, majors and interests, which makes the group incredibly diverse.

Some students participated in chorale to attain a music ensemble credit, while others' sole motivation was a passion for singing. Either way, the chorale maintained high numbers of participation and appeared at all sorts of different events throughout the year.

Molly McCoy, a freshman interior design major, said, "Not only have I benefitted from Dr. Lawhon's teaching, but I have also developed friendships with students who love music just as much as I do. It was definitely the highlight of my week!"

The chorale met in a classroom-like format, where students learned musical pieces ranging from classical to contemporary each week. They practiced

sight reading and different students were given opportunities to try out for solo pieces.

This passion was evident in all of the Chorale's many performances this year, including a hymn sing and vesper service, as well as Samford's annual Christmas tradition, Lighting of the Way. As one of their most popular performances, the Chorale performed their annual Christmas Collage service featuring classical Christmas pieces at the beginning of December.

University Chorale enriched the lives of many Samford students, adding creativity and fun to their college experience. "I feel so blessed to have been part of a group that strives for musical excellence, while still being enjoyable," said McCoy.

University Chorale influenced the lives of each student involved, and influenced so many others through its performances. The group offers the gift of music to anyone who will listen.



WRITER: ABBY COLELLA  
PHOTOGRAPHER: ELEANOR STENNER



Senior Amberlyn Richardson and sophomore Abby Benke play the lead roles as Hansel and Gretel in November. Drawing large crowds, the actresses rise to the occasion and provide many laughs.





Senior Maggie Collins sings about the possibility of love in the spring opera scenes.

# Samford Opera

When you thought of opera, did you think of an art long outdated? Students involved with the Samford Opera begged to differ. From freshmen to seniors, Samford Opera students used their vocal chords to bring wonderful productions to life. Samford's 36-year-old program produces one full opera a year and performs scenes from a variety of operas throughout the semester.

This year, the Samford Opera performed an opera based on the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." First performed in 1893, Samford's production added a new freshness to this well-renowned classic. The production was filled with delightful music from the Samford Orchestra and enchanting dance sequences, involving a lyrical angel ballet.

A great amount of time and effort went into bringing this production to life. Two separate, full casts were chosen to give students more opportunities, as well as provide understudies. The opera's cast was chosen in May of last year and the students were required to memorize all of the music during the summer. And when the new school year began, two and a half months were spent learning the staging and dance combinations.

Senior church music major Jeremy Moore enjoyed being able to build the sets on the work days. "We not only invested our voices and acting, but our time and labor to make the production come to life and it made the show that much more meaningful for the casts," said Moore. His favorite moments included hearing the vision, seeing the set designs on paper and then watching that come to life.

Sophomore vocal performance major Abi Benke said, "I am so thankful to have worked with such an amazing director and cast. Although we worked very hard and gave so much to this production, we had a lot of fun in the process."

The show played from Nov. 30 through Dec. 1 in Harrison Theater, but continued into January at multiple elementary schools, performing certain scenes and conducting question and answer sessions. The success of "Hansel and Gretel" was a testament to the Samford Opera's hard work and fine-tuned excellence. Because of this dedication, Samford Opera continues to bring quality performances to the stage year after year.

# Samford Dance

Grace Dance Ministry's mission was to show the free grace of God through dance and minister in a way that is different than that which is usually offered in church services. Delana Matherly, team member and junior communication studies major, said that "Grace is different than other university ministries; while some sing and give sermons, we dance."

The group was made up of over 20 girls from varying majors and backgrounds. Some Grace members have danced their whole lives, while others have never taken formal dance classes. The only common denominator is that they all love to dance and want to glorify God with their performances.

These shared passions have created a special bond among members. Matherly said, "Dance is what brings us together, but the relationships we form are what keep us together. We spend a lot of time together, so we really get to know each other on a deeper level than just

sitting in a pew next to each other. We rally behind the other girls when something hard hits them, cheer them on when they're tired and rejoice with them in their successes."

And just as the group itself is diverse, Grace doesn't limit themselves to one style of dance or music. This year, they performed over six different styles, including ballet, modern, lyrical, hip hop, tap, and jazz. Grace incorporated all of these varying styles in their Spring show called "Dynamis," which chronicled the miracles and stories of Christ's life and emphasized His presence in today's world.

Also on campus, the dance department put on their annual "Momentum" concert, featuring dance majors and minors. They sought to portray the beauty and ability of the human body through dance and to showcase their hard work during the year.

WRITER: MARY MOODY  
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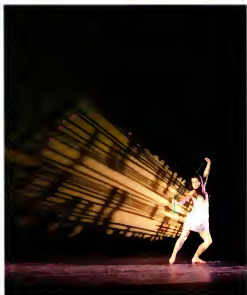




Sophomore Christy Delenick dances at the Momentum concert.



Sophomore Katy Ward, along with senior Emily Erin Robinson and sophomore Elizabeth Bacon, dance for the Lord at the annual Grace Ministries concert.





Philosophy chair Dr. Sansom starts in the *King Lear* production. Performances at Samford allow not just students, but teachers to participate as well.



WRITER: SARAH VIOLET BICE  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: ELEANOR STENNER, LYANNA SAITO



Graduate student John Robertson is transformed into the witch in *Hansel and Gretel*.





Sophomore Carin Legerberg takes the lead in *Steel Magnolias*, playing the main character Shelby. With her convincing acting, the production brought many audience members to tears.



# Samford Theatre

Students studying theatre at Samford played a starring role in the Samford community. However, behind the star-studded shows, rigorous training was required. Students were taught how to design sets, lights, costumes and sounds, as well as training in producing, performing, stage managing and directing. All of the foundational work that the students put forth in the classroom came together in the theatre department's productions.

This year's productions provided campus with dazzling entertainment that dominated conversation for weeks after the performances were over. Performances included *King Lear*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *Steel Magnolias*, *The Trip to Bountiful*, *Shout! The Mod Musical*, *Momentum: A Dance Concert* and *The Pajama Game*.

For many students, the theatre department at Samford offered many opportunities for students to learn and grow in many aspects of life. Lauren Tantaun, a senior theatre major, learned to embody a variety of characters through her regular performances on stage.

"I've been really blessed this year with many performance opportunities. I played Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*, an Angel in *Hansel & Gretel* the opera, a Blue Girl in *Shout! The Mod Musical*, dancer and choreographer for *Momentum: A Dance Concert* and Charlene in *The Pajama Game*," Tantaun said.

*Photo: Submitted by student body*

# Samford Theatre

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Tantaun said her passion for the stage goes back to her childhood. "I've always loved performing on stage. I started out in dance 13 years ago and only got into theatre when I was a sophomore in high school. There is just something about being on stage that feels sort of magical. I could go on and on about why I chose theatre, but it basically comes down to this: when I'm on stage, I'm at home."

A lot of work went into preparing the stage for each production. Students like Christopher Hurdle, a freshman theatre major with a technical focus, was one of the ones backstage who made the magic happen on stage.

"I helped in some way with every main stage production this year," said Hurdle, "I chose theatre

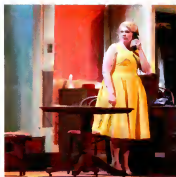
because I have always had a passion for performing the technical side of various productions, such as lighting, sound design and set building."

Every Samford production had its own unique spark, but Hurdle said that certain performances stood out to him.

"I really enjoyed setting up the lights for the dance concert...I also had a lot of fun helping build the set for *Steel Magnolias*," he said.

The theatre is indeed a magical place, and Samford students provided sparkle to make it shine even brighter.

WRITER: SARAH VIOLET BICE  
PHOTOGRAPHERS: DAVID MEADOWS, ELEANOR TSENNER, PATRICK RAMSAY



Senior Amberlyn Richardson prepares for *Hansel and Gretel*.





Senior Steven Rice finishes his Samford Theatre career with his hilarious role in *The Pajama Game*.

# Alpha Psi Omega: Live

Alpha Psi Omega is the national theatre honor society and exists to promote fine arts on campus.

Throughout the past few years, APO underwent significant changes to be more effective on campus.

Senior theatre major Sam Shaughnessy said, "Since my time at Samford, I have seen APO really transform into the group it was created to be. We have reorganized and shaped APO into a legitimate honors society, through investing in our philanthropy, helping to set a good example for our theatre department and throwing events that help broaden Samford's exposure to the arts."

APO supported the arts on campus is through their event, Monday Night Live, which happened several times throughout each school year.

Matt Parker, President of APO and Senior theatre major described MNL as an opportunity for all students to participate in theatre.

"We started Monday Night Live a few years ago as a fun and relaxed way to enjoy an evening of performances," Parker said. "Mixing SNL skits with more traditional cabaret fare, it's just a fun night where we can show off the talent of not only theatre majors, but also anyone who wants to perform."

Shaughnessy further described MLN as a great way for theatre students to get some extra practice on the stage.

"We view MNL as a safe place for students to test run a new dance they have been choreographing, a song they have been practicing or a scene they have been rehearsing," Shaughnessy said. "The commitment to perform in MNL is very light and gives you great experience. You never know what to expect from MNL, so it is always exciting."

MLN was one of the many ways that APO provides excellent entertainment to students and contributes to a culture of fine arts on campus.

WRITER: MARY MOODY  
PHOTOGRAPHER: LYANNA SAITO



Monday nights in Harn's give a good representation of the sincerity and hilarity of life through skits.







Senior Cole Forehand spent all year preparing and directing Vocal Impact for their spring concert.



# Vocal Impact

The lights were dimmed in Brock Recital Hall. Tense with anticipation, the crowd gathered and took seats awaiting the 2013 debut of Samford's one and only show choir, Vocal Impact. When the spotlights beamed down onto the stage and the group burst into action, there was only one word that could describe the atmosphere: magic.

Vocal Impact, led by senior church music major Cole Forehand, was "one of the most unique choirs on Samford's campus" according to Kyle DeMarco, a freshman graphic design major from Monument, Colorado. "Unlike other ensembles on campus that sing mostly religious music, Vocal Impact performs contemporary pop music that people like to sing along to on the radio," he said.

Their spring performance on April 20 featured a wide variety of modern hits from artists such as Fun, Whitney Houston, Sugarland and, of course, a few Disney classics. Vocal Impact synchronized these catchy hooks with original choreography for a truly memorable performance.

For the 15 members of Vocal Impact, success was a product of teamwork and dedication to excellence. The group

practiced together for two days a week to hone their singing and dancing in preparation for the show. For Josh Kendrick, a sophomore pre-med major from Montgomery, Ala., going to rehearsals was one of the most gratifying aspects of show choir. "When all of the parts come together to create a musical piece, the result is astounding. It is incredibly rewarding to work hard to put together something this beautiful."

As senior family studies major Lauren Henderson from Montgomery reflected on three years in Vocal Impact, she regarded the relationships she made there as the most valuable benefit of show choir. "We all come from different majors, ages and walks of life, but when we come together, we are one - strong, supportive and magnificent," she said.

In the future, Lauren hopes to see Vocal Impact emerge as a traveling show choir that could take the stage against other universities in competitions. "In Vocal Impact, we are a family," Lauren said, "and if I do say so myself, we rock."

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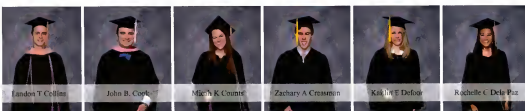
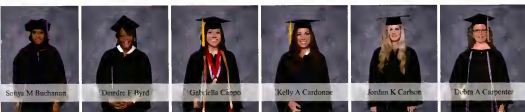
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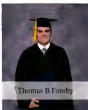
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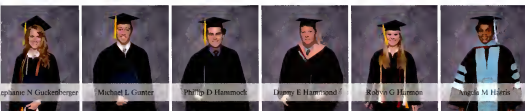
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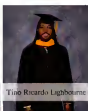
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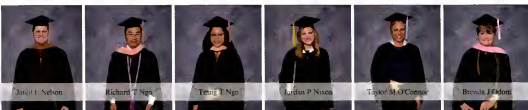
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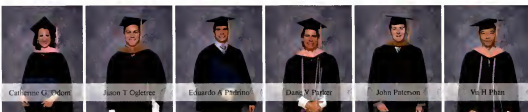
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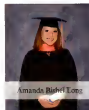
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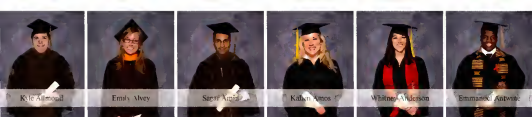
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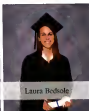
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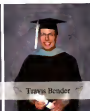
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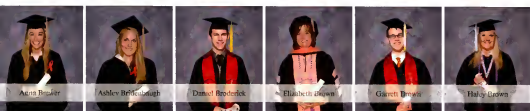
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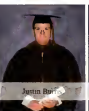
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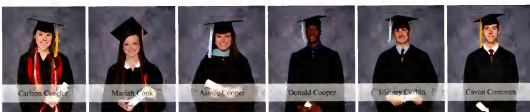
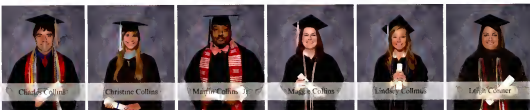


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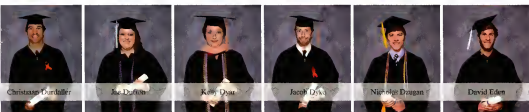
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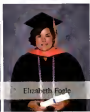
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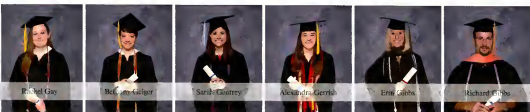
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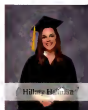
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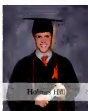
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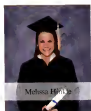
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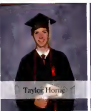
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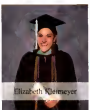
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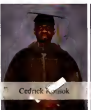
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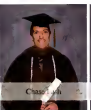
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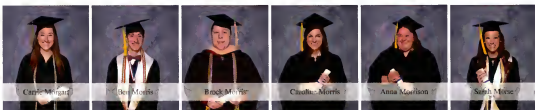
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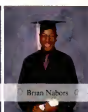
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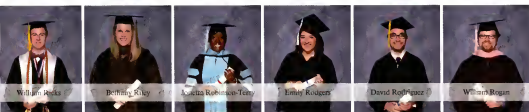


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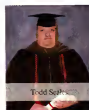
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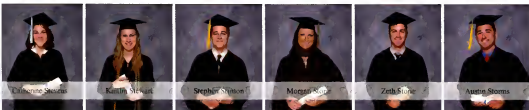
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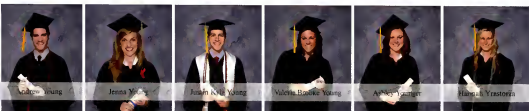
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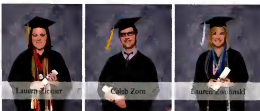
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# Hillary Hallman

editor-in-chief

In April 2012, I accepted the role of editor of *Entre Nous* knowing full well the many responsibilities, deadlines and long nights I would be facing over the next year. What I didn't know was how greatly it would impact and enhance my Samford experience.

This past year was more than a blessing. Yes, there were times that I wanted to pull my hair out and wondered why on earth I added such a stressful task to my already-full plate. However, the benefits greatly outweighed those moments.

I had the honor of working with an incredible staff I have no idea what I would have done without Eleanor and her constant encouragement, drive and determination to see the book be the best it can be. David faced several photography obstacles but was always eager to take them head on and send out funny, quirky emails in the process. Allie was always on top of things and kept us organized. And Reed, Megan, Mory and Katy were amazing section editors, who probably took on more than they bargained for but did it without complaining.

I also had the privilege of closely watching the 2012-2013 school year unfold and seeing firsthand how unique this place truly is. Samford is more than an academic institution. It's a community comprised of leaders, independent thinkers, artists, athletes, servants and world changers. The world really is better because of Samford, and I am forever grateful for it.

# Eleanor Stenner

art director

As my five year streak of designing yearbooks comes to an end, I am so thankful for the lessons learned in taking on this project. As a sophomore, I have loved investing more in the Samford community in collaborating with writers, photographers, editors, advisers and organizations across campus. I have made new friends and got a good picture of the remarkable students Samford has...

The first being Hillary Hallman, our golly and talented leader. What a woman you are! Thank you for the clarity and passion you have put into this project. It's amazing how we've been on the same page about everything this year, down to the details.

Secondly, the photography has been terrific this year, and David Meadows contributed countless hours and emails as photo editor. The writing has been equally impressive. Allie Klauber, you are a rockstar! Thank you both so much!

Thirdly, our writers and photographers, you have written and photographed some outstanding pieces this year. I've been overwhelmed with the servant spirit you've contributed in, offering to do whatever it takes to help including bringing us coffee during long work nights!

And finally, so much credit is owed to Jay Elmore, Donovan Harris, Sean Flynn and Caroline Summers. Thank you all for being such a support system and continually asking how you could help. Hillary and I are so thankful for you and your expertise!

Samford holds a special place in my heart, so I have poured over this book to do the school justice. I hope it brings about precious memories of 2012 and 2013 at sweet home Samford! Hillary and my hope is that you would be rooted in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness for this year.







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